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SPECIAL ELECTION

Joplin voters quash center

City residents stand behind 'NO' verdict

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Tuesday, Joplin residents held their ground in their opposition to fund a three-eighths of a cent sales tax increase to pay for the construction of the proposed Joplin Civic Center.

Robert Carey, a 40-year-old machinist, said he was not surprised by the election's outcome.

"It was defeated before three years or so ago, and I knew it would fail this time," Carey said. "The No.1 reason it failed was the proposed raising of the sales tax, and I just felt like it wasn't going to be a good source of income for the economy."

Nickie Younger, a 44-year-old nurse, said the results plainly show the residents' unwillingness to let Joplin grow both economically and physically as a whole.

"I'm from Springfield, and Joplin used to be the same size, but Joplin doesn't seem to want to grow," she said.

Lori Pyles, a 32-year-old crew leader at Arby's restaurant, said she was shocked at the large number of "no" votes concerning the proposal.

"I thought for sure they would get it," she said. "I think the city is big enough for one."

Because of persistent calling by campaigners for Proposition J, Annette Miles, a 32-year-old homemaker, found the pressure the callers applied offensive and trivial. She said it steered her away from voting in the election.

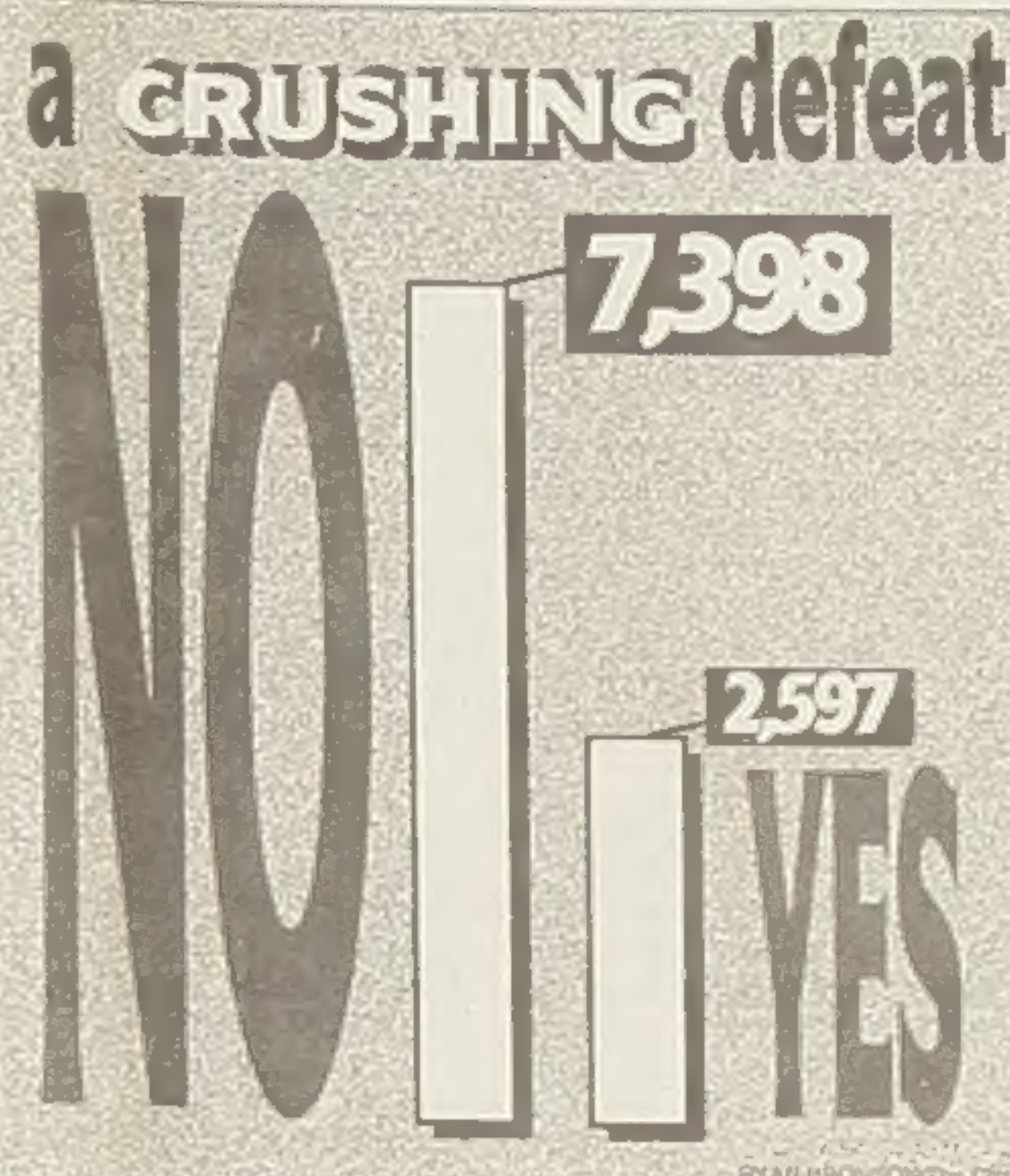
"I was for it, but when I found out there hadn't been a feasibility study I didn't think that was good," she said.

Brandy Horn, a 28-year-old teacher, said she thought Joplin's size would not be able to attract any more entertainment than is already coming to the area.

"We just do not have a big enough market for an arena that size," Horn said. "I think the entertainment that Joplin receives now with the present facilities is quite adequate." □



Arthur Henson hands his ballot to Betty Vowling Tuesday afternoon at the Senior Citizens' Nutrition Center in Joplin.



Student views mixed about Tuesday vote

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Reactions from Missouri Southern students were mixed after Joplin voters turned down a three-eighths of a cent sales tax increase to build the Joplin Civic Center.

John Weedn, Student Senate president, said he was most surprised by the sizable turnout.

"I think what the community said to the city leaders and the College is that they went about it the wrong way," Weedn said. "I think the sales tax was a horrible idea. I think they should have gone about it by some other means like a hotel tax or a college-based bond, instead of a bond which is based on a sales tax."

Weedn said he thought a 9,000-seat facility was a bit unrealistic for the Joplin area.

"I think they went for something too big," he said. "I think 5,000 or 6,000 seats would have been suitable for an [NCAA] Division II school. They did go too big, and that was one of the concerns for the community."

With the College promoting the benefits the new civic center would have on student life throughout the campaign, Ryan Jones, freshman secondary education major, said he was looking forward to reaping the benefits of the new facilities.

"I think it would have helped the community, but more importantly, it would have helped student life here on campus," Jones said. "We could have used it for events, a new weight room, or intramurals, which would have helped both student and community life."

Liz Fiedler, freshman English major, said she saw no need for Joplin or the College to have a new facility.

"I think the arena was a bad idea to begin with," Fiedler said. "Joplin does not need that type of facility. If you want to see a show in Joplin, you can go to Memorial Hall, especially if it is a country show. If you want to see a big concert you can go to St. Louis or Kansas City." □

Proposition J meets substantial opposition

By RICK ROGERS
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern's second attempt to bring a 9,000-seat civic center to the community was shot down by 4,801 votes in a special election Tuesday.

With 9,995 voters taking part in the city election, 74 percent (7,398) voted against Proposition J. Twenty-six percent (2,597) voted in favor of the Joplin Civic Center.

The proposal's first attempt was shot down by more than 2,000 voters in an August 1992 county election.

College President Julio Leon said he was bewildered by Tuesday's outcome.

"I felt the proposal was a good one, one that would have benefited the city and the region more than it would have the College," Leon said. "There was no question the College would have benefited, but that was besides the whole idea of the project. This was a partnership, and we wanted to be a part of something that would help the region."

"We are always trying to do that. The most important part of all was attracting all sorts of entertainment."

Al Zar, a concert promoter who helped spearhead opposition to the Joplin Civic Center, said the center's demise was due to the lack of detailed information regarding its operations.

"I am very pleased, and I think the voters

What surprised me was the fact that we were made to feel as if we were outsiders coming in and trying to get into people's pockets, as if we were a state agency.

Dr. Julio Leon
College president

have spoken overwhelmingly in regard to this issue," Zar said. "They saw through all of the fluff and the hype and looked at the facts."

"I don't think the voter [Tuesday night] said no to growth in Joplin, and I don't think they said no to the arena. I think they said no to the way it was presented and the facts no one would give them answers to."

Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, said the city and College officials who took part in the Proposition J campaign did all they could to inform residents about the Joplin Civic Center.

STUDENT LIFE

Residents' fees increase by \$100

Dean of students says student fees 'still the cheapest in Missouri'

By CRAIG BEFFA
EDITORIAL EDITOR

Renovations on campus will cause students to pay \$100 more per semester for their residence hall fees in 1996-97.

The fees for Blaine and McCormick Halls will increase to \$1,585 a semester, and the apartments will increase to \$1,600 a semester.

"Our fees are still the cheapest in Missouri, even with this increase," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students and director of student life.

Carnahan said the College hopes to complete major renovations of the residence hall area during the summer months.

"We want to redo the parking lot, get new doors and locks [on the rooms], get new furniture, and reupholster some old furniture," he said. "We also do the routine like paint the rooms, replace mattresses, and clean the carpets."

"We also hope to implement better lighting, and we still have the added

cost in the apartments because of the micro-fridges we are still paying off."

Carnahan said the College eventually hopes to have computer hookups in each room for on-line access.

"There will still be an additional fee for using the Internet," he said.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said Carnahan's extensive list for repairs would be completed over a three-year period.

"The food service is also going up by 3 percent," Tiede said. "This is one reason for an increase."

Some students living in the residence halls aren't fond of the increase.

"The quality of the dorms do not warrant an increase of fees," said Scott Gordon, junior criminal justice major and member of the Student Senate.

Gordon said if the College wants to increase the student's fees, it should show the student body some results first.

"These dorms were built in 1970, and it shows in the drapes and furniture," he said.

"Plus, the students are doing research and are seeing that it is cheaper to live off campus than to live on campus."

Carnahan said the residence hall fees are divided for specific purposes.

"Fifty percent goes to the food ser-

vice and the other 50 percent goes to the College for maintenance fees," Carnahan said.

Gordon also said he thinks the 3 percent increase for food service is unwarranted.

"I hear a lot of complaints about the food," he said. "The people who work in the cafeteria should know the quality of the food is not good when they have to keep filling up the cereal containers."

Carnahan said the increase in fees will also help complete the Student Life Center.

"We hope to have the center open in the fall," he said.

Contracts for the fall semester are now available for current residence hall students.

The new contract forms and personal information sheets must be filled out and returned to the residence life office in Billingsly Student Center Room 211 before March 15.

A new deposit of \$100 is not required for returning students. If students request their deposit be returned, the contract for the next academic year will be canceled.

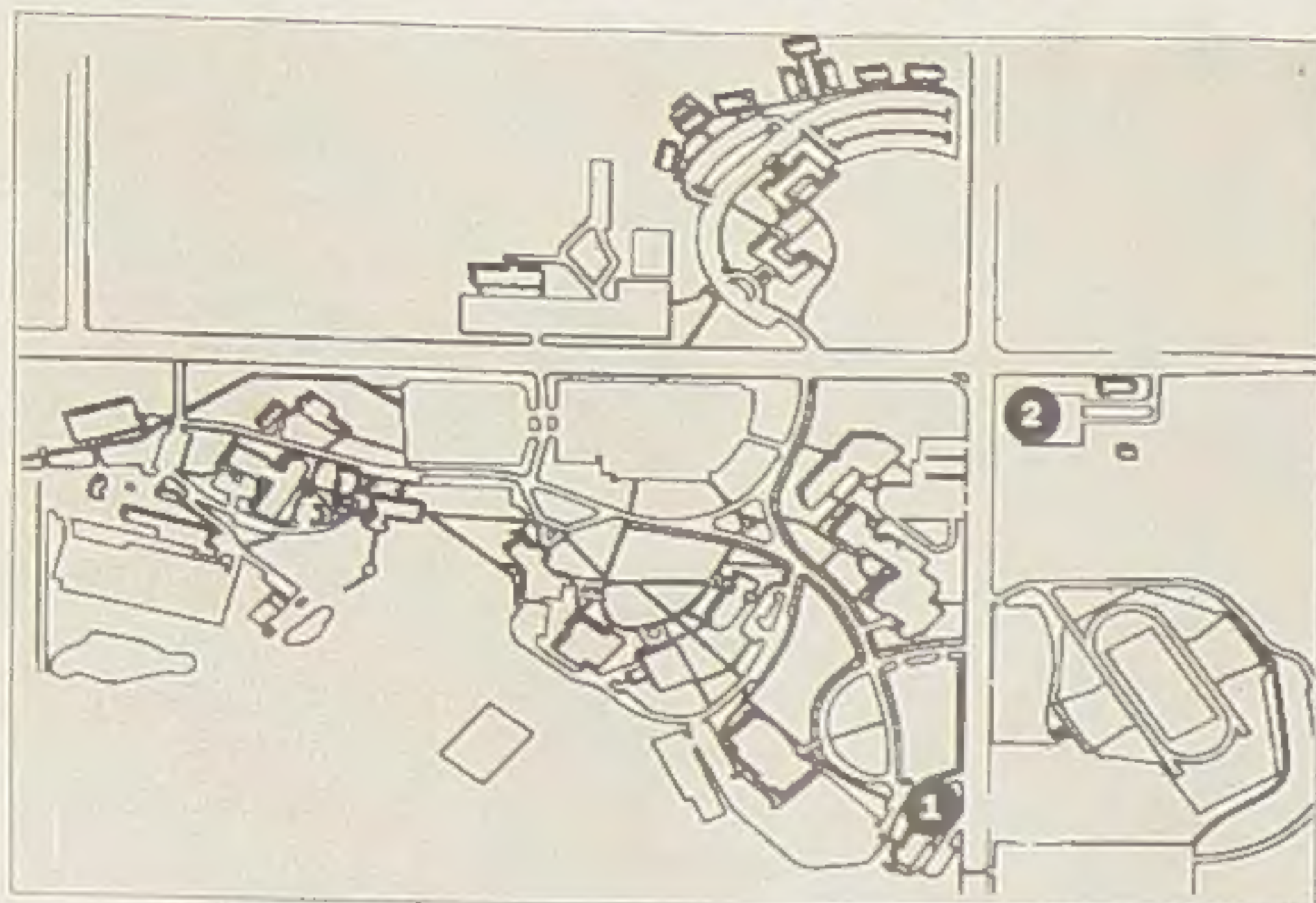
Contracts without meal service for the summer session are also available in the residence life office. The cost is \$500. □

CHAMPIONS



Lady Lions coach and MIAA coach in the year Carrie Kaifes (far right) watches as her team celebrates the conference tournament championship over Southwest Baptist. (See Page 13)

SECURITY REPORT



- 1 03/04/96 TAYLOR HALL 7:05 a.m. Susan Simmons, College employee, reported her office, Room 127 in the Taylor Education and Psychology building, had been burglarized. She said when she arrived for work at 7 a.m., she noticed several items missing, including two VCRs, an unknown amount of VCR tapes, and approximately \$100 in cash, which was taken from her desk. A microphone for a computer had been cut off. Apparently, a screwdriver was used to pry off the office's door button. Campus security contacted the Joplin Police Department.
- 2 03/04/96 LOT 39 1:10 p.m. Brian McKee, senior communications major, and Cindy Jones, senior elementary education major, reported they were assaulted by a man in the gravel lot by the ECM building. McKee and Jones entered the lot and were confronted by a man asking McKee's identity. The man proceeded to attack McKee, knocking him to the ground and beating and kicking him. McKee received injuries to his body, his arms, and his head. Jones said she tried to stop the attack, but was also pushed to the ground. Two witnesses saw the attack and moved to assist McKee. The man kicked McKee several more times and left the scene. McKee said his attacker was his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend. Both McKee and Jones were transported to the hospital for examination.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Projects pile up for workers

College still working on ADA renovations, but progress is slow

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Spiva Library is just one of the projects "on the books" for the College in conjunction with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, said plans to renovate the library are more than a year old.

"There has been a project on the books for over a year to put in some automatic detect equipment downstairs at what will be another disabled entrance to the

library," Beeler said.

"The elevators are fully functional. There's some work to be done. The planning is finished. All the [specifications] have been written for the products that we have to buy."

"It's just a matter of scheduling the work."

Beeler said the College plans to provide an additional entrance to the library and also automated push-button doors.

Josh Claassen, sophomore English major, is a disabled student who can't wait to see the changes.

"I can usually get someone to open doors for me," Claassen said.

"If they could install [automatic doors] it would be great, especially here (the library) and the BSC (Billingsly Student Center)."

Beeler said Dr. John Tiede, sen-

ior vice president, has put a high priority on the Spiva Library renovation.

"The entrance is not fully accessible disabled-wise, and we know that. We have the project on the books to do along with 100 more ADA-type projects that we have to do," Beeler said.

"It will make it totally accessible. The electronic equipment is a security measure where hopefully, if it works the way we intend, you can't take a book from the library you haven't checked out."

Beeler said he couldn't be sure as to when the project may be finished—or even started.

"Our plate is real full," he said. "I expect that when we get the Learning Center and some other things farther along, we'll be starting on it." □

NO ARENA: Civic center fails by 4,801 votes

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what his critics were saying.

"At this time the feeling was if we don't do it this year, we don't know what the economy is going to be like next year. We felt there was plenty of optimism at this time."

As the project's campaign progressed, Leon said he thought the residents' negative comments became geared toward the College and himself instead of toward the actual proposal.

He said he was comfortable in his awareness of the value the proposal would have brought forth for the College and the community despite

what his critics were saying.

"That is what was driving me more than anything and the fact that I was personally attacked by some people along with the College," Leon said. "It bothered me about the College [being attacked] perhaps more. I am personally secure as far as knowing who I am and what I am for, and I am even more secure about what this College is about."

Leon said unlike what was being said by the opposition during the campaign, the College has always had the attitude of being the "people's college."

"What surprised me was the fact that we were made to feel as if we were outsiders coming in and trying to get into people's pockets, as if we were a state agency," he said.

Leon said the only way the College would attempt to bring Joplin a civic center would be at the Board of Regents' request.

"I will not be the one to bring it (an arena) to their attention or to the College's attention," he said. "An arena proposal where the College is asked to participate will not be on my part, unless I am asked to do it by the Board. Then I will do it." □

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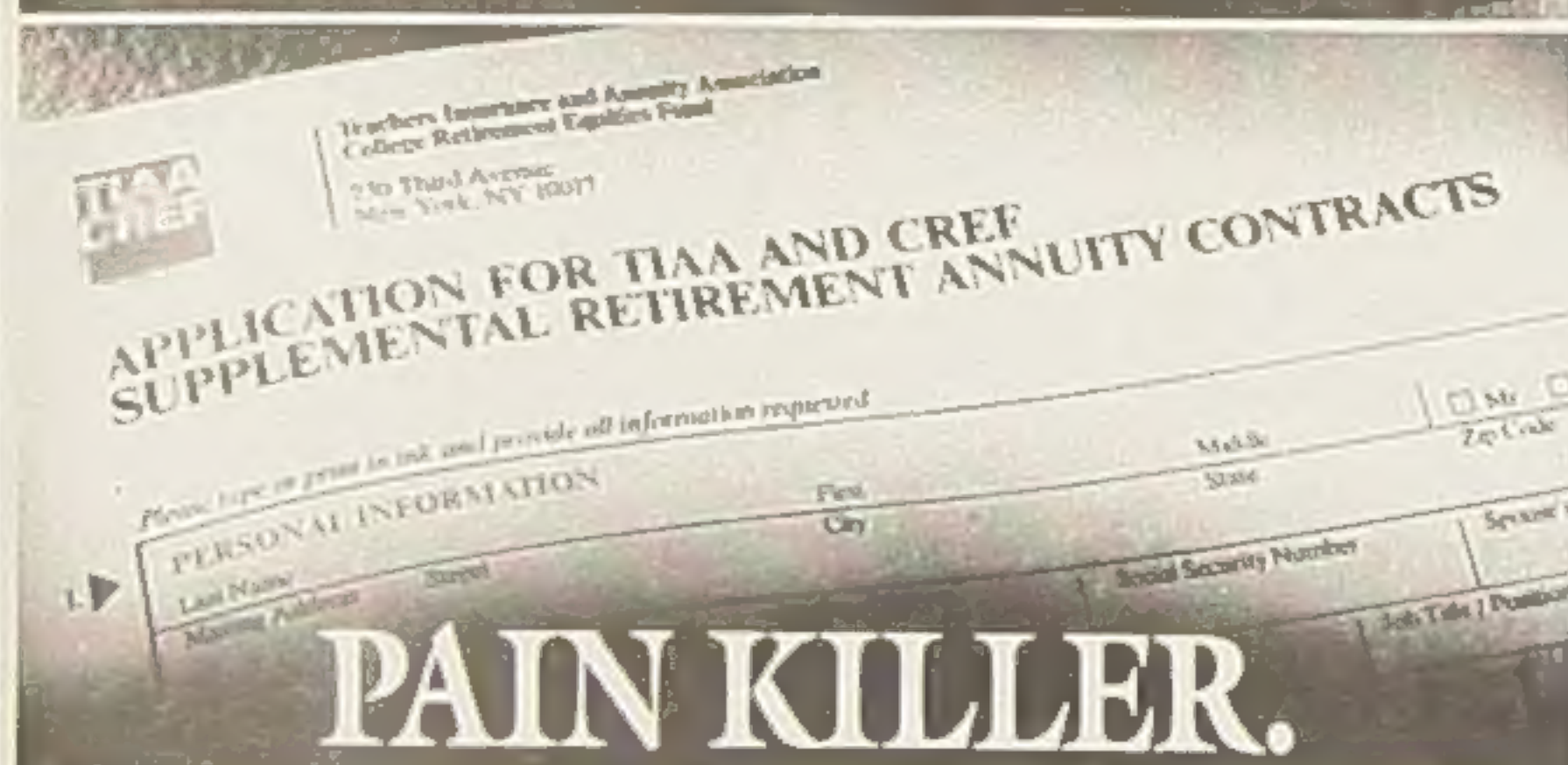
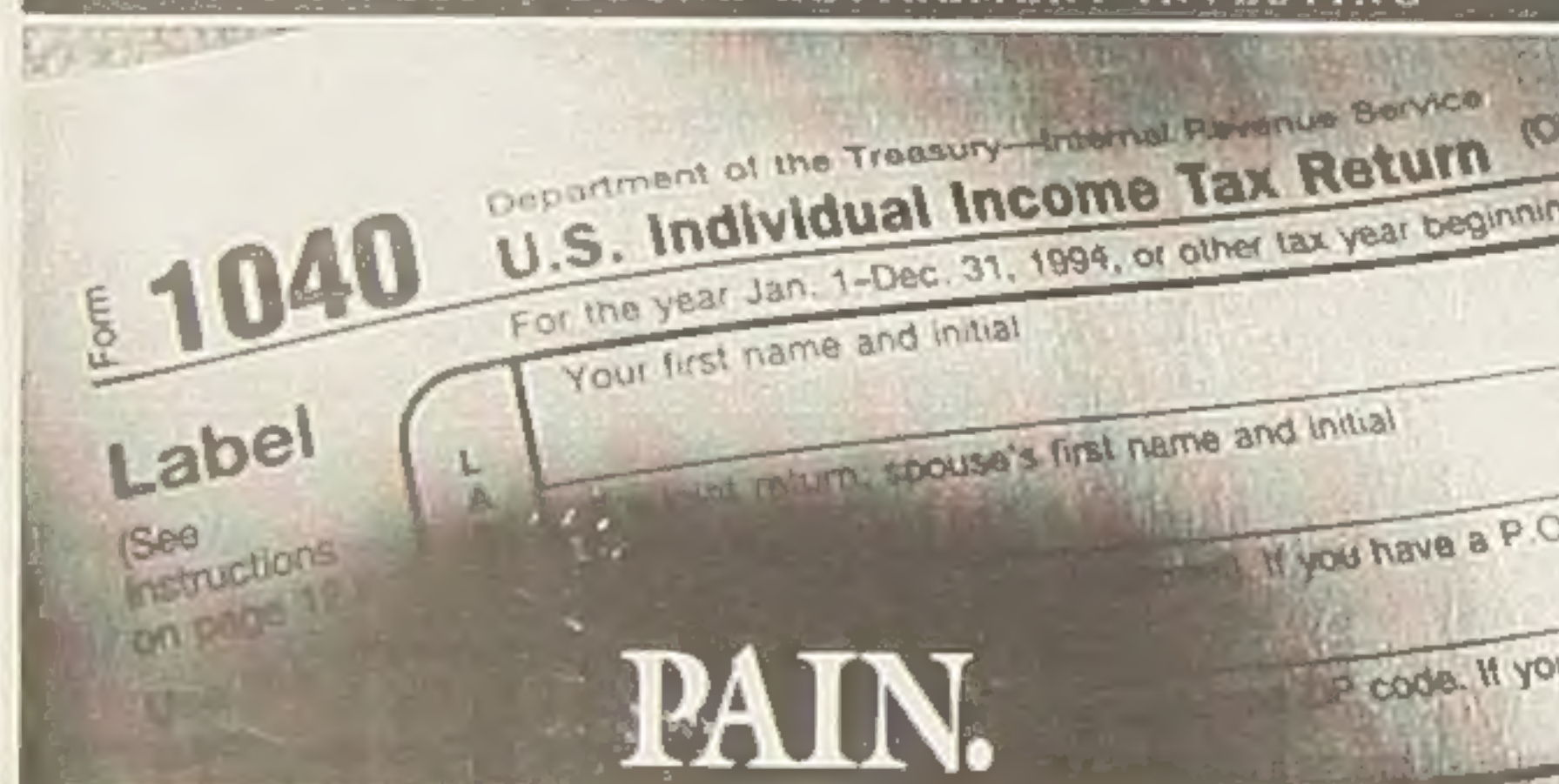
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FOUL BALL WEATHER



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Lions' baseball coach Warren Turner fights the cold temperatures Wednesday during the Lions' home opener at Joe Becker Stadium.

STUDENT SENATE

'Crossroads' tops forum

Massa tells senators they are powerless in choice of content

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Student senators jumped right into the *Southern Crossroads* issue at the beginning of Wednesday's meeting.

Sophomore senator Chip Gubera and junior senator Lisa Ross reported their progress in finding out what options the Senate has at its disposal.

The duo spoke with Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, and Richard Massa, communications department head.

"Massa said the original proposal [for *Crossroads*] was for four issues: two issues would deal with school and two issues would focus on other news," Gubera said.

"The first year they tried this, and the first issue is the only one that came close to what had been intended."

"Massa said himself that the magazine didn't live up to what it was supposed to be," Gubera said.

He also told the Senate that Massa "didn't think there would ever be another yearbook again."

Ross continued to report the information they discovered.

"[Massa] said that because of the First Amendment, *Crossroads* has a right to print whatever they want, in whatever format, in the magazine," she said.

"We can make suggestions on the issues, but we can't make *Crossroads* focus on student activities or anything because they

have a right to do what they want."

Ross suggested if a yearbook was going to be produced, someone outside of the communications department would have to take over the project.

"I don't know, I kind of like the idea of the Student Senate taking over," said John Weedn, Senate president. "Maybe if they'll pay me Jean's (Campbell, *Crossroads* adviser) salary..."

Ross said the magazine's staff may have decided to compromise.

"The next issue of *Crossroads* will focus on the topic of sex, and I've heard a rumor that the staff of the magazine is cutting a few [news] articles to focus on the campus and on what the students think," Ross said. "Maybe [what we have been doing] has scared them this time into changing their viewpoint."

No decision was reached concerning the Senate's proposed *Crossroads* Reclamation Act.

The senators tabled the issue until next week's meeting, and they hope a member of the College administration will attend.

In other business, the senators have scheduled their annual Casino Night from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

The event will offer blackjack, roulette, bingo, pool and darts tournaments, and prizes for the winners.

The Student Senate will donate money raised from the event to the United Way.

So far, the senators are having trouble finding the props used in previous years, and fund-raising efforts have not provided as much as was anticipated.

Stacy Mathes, Senate secretary, requested the Senate allocate

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Senate president

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\$500 to get Casino Night off the ground.

"We're going to need money to have a Casino Night atmosphere," Mathes said. "We can't find anything from last year, and we need money for advertising, dice, chips, and card shoes. We also want to buy a really nice grand prize."

Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, proposed another solution.

"If [the Senate] can wait around for a week, I'd like to scrounge around and see if I can pay for this," he said.

The motion to allocate \$500 was tabled in light of Carnahan's response. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

KXMS marks 10th year of service to Joplin area

KXMS has resumed its overnight service of classical music following the installation of new equipment.

The 24-hour FM public radio station at Missouri Southern curtailed its operation hours over the last several weeks while new monitoring equipment was in transit.

The station's overnight programming includes Michael B. Rothe as the new host of "Klassix with Michael Rothe" from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays. Rothe also hosts Sunday night and early Monday programs from 6 p.m. Sundays to 8 a.m. Mondays on Joplin's fine arts radio station.

Before hosting the nationally distributed program, Rothe was an announcer and producer for 12 years at WILL-FM in Urbana, Ill. He is a native of Leopoldsdorf, Germany (now Poland). For the past several years, Rothe has helped produce many music programs from Radio Deutsche Welle for distribution as radio series in the United States.

In collaboration with producer Rick Fulker in Cologne, Germany, Rothe has been the host of the annual 26-week "Concert Hour" series and a 13-part series on German opera called "The Curtain Rises," among others. □

BSC bookstore to hold sidewalk sale next week

Missouri Southern's bookstore, located in the Billingsly Student Center, is holding a sidewalk sale from Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 15.

Selected items are 40 to 50 percent off, including clothing, backpacks, office supplies, and hats.

Shoppers will receive a free prize with every purchase plus a chance to win a \$100 bookstore gift certificate. □

Intramural deadlines set for softball, swim meet

Signups for the intramural coed softball league began Monday in the racquetball office in Young Gymnasium. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 25.

There will be a mandatory managers' meeting at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 on racquetball court No. 2. The league will meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the afternoon on Mondays through Thursdays. A \$10 no-forfeit fee is due with the team rosters.

Also, the signups for the intramural swim meet will begin Monday and end at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. Signups are also in Young Gymnasium.

Events include the 25-meter breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly; the 50-meter freestyle, breaststroke, and backstroke; the 100-meter freestyle and backstroke; and the 500-meter freestyle. Participants must enter as many events as they wish.

There will be a mandatory participants meeting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, and the meet will begin at 3:30 p.m. □

Kappa Alpha to host 3-on-3 tournament

The Kappa Alpha fraternity is sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, April 6. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 30, and the entry fee is \$40 per team.

The tournament will consist of two divisions, adult and high school men's teams. There will also be a three-point shoot-out competition, with a VCR going to the winner. All participating high school students will receive water bottles with the KA symbol on them. The winners of each division will receive T-shirts.

Proceeds will benefit the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Order.

For more information, persons may contact John Weedn at 659-4349. □

EATING DISORDERS

Student to offer support

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A Missouri Southern student is single-handedly taking steps to form an eating disorder support group for those in need.

"I'm going to specialize in eating disorders when I go to graduate school," said Debra Vann, a junior psychology major. "Several students who knew my interest came to me and wanted to know where they could get some information about the disorders. I thought there was a need."

Vann said she received the most support from Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling.

"It's good this is student-driven," Caldwell said. "She felt there was a need and came to my office. She's actually doing a lot of work to get the national organization involved."

Caldwell said she will not take an active part in the support group.

"I'm adding supervision," she said. "I have a lot of background in forming support groups, and I'm mainly going to help with the organization."

On Monday, Vann posted flyers over campus seeking response and interest in the support group. Each group would be limited to 10 members, but there may be more than one group if the response warrants.

"We'll meet for two hours at a time," Caldwell said. "You want to make sure each person has time to speak, so it's good to keep the groups small. Twenty people is like a class, not a group. It can get out of hand."

Vann and Caldwell said the support group will meet after spring break and continue for the remaining seven weeks of the semester.

"I would love to see it take off," she said. Vann has already received some response about the group, and has set the first meeting for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, in Reynolds Hall Room 319. □

STUDENT LIFE

Spring BREAK '96

Students use time to further educations

Excursions to city, country excite campus groups

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students and faculty alike anticipate spring break each year because it provides a short relief from hectic schedules, but a few groups on campus are using the time to further their educations.

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, is taking his General Ecology class on a one-day field trip to tour the Ozark Underground Laboratory in Protom, Mo.

"We are trying to better understand the habitat of the area and how the animals live in their environment," said Shawn Leggett, senior biology and pre-physical therapy major. "We'll look at the caves and how the animals adapt to them."

Messick said the laboratory is located inside a large cave owned by Dr. Tom Aley, a hydrologist.

"It's a very natural cave," he said.

"It's not modified, although there are instruments set up inside the cave. Aley keeps good

records of the animals that live in the cave."

Messick said Aley makes the cave available to college classes in one-, two-, or three-day seminars on not only the biology and ecology of the cave, but also on the surrounding environment.

"He's a very engaging individual," Messick said. "He asks the students very hard questions, and the students get caught in his presentation."

Messick said he and Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, have taken groups to the laboratory several times.

Approximately 10 students will leave at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16 and return around 9 or 10 p.m.

"It's good to get out of the classroom and out of Joplin," Messick said. "We have a good time, too. The students have found it extremely interesting, particularly if they have never been in a cave before."

Leggett said he is looking forward to the trip.

"I think it will be interesting, and I'm expecting to learn a lot," he said.

Several students and faculty in Southern's theatre department are taking off to spend the week in New York, but not just for sight-seeing.

They will depart on Friday,

March 15 and return the following Saturday.

The opportunity has been offered in past years, but Debbie Burbridge, senior theatre major, is making the trip for the first time.

"This is definitely going to be an educational experience," she said. "I want to learn something I can bring home and apply to my craft."

"We're hoping to be able to sit in with some of the more well-known acting coaches."

Burbridge said she is most looking forward to seeing several Broadway shows.

"I'm a theatre major," she said. "I'll get to see how it's really done there. I think it's a dream to people in theatre here."

Burbridge said she is also going to find time to play the "traditional-tourist" role, making sure to see the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and other attractions.

"Chinatown sounds really cool," she said. "You see a lot of these places in the movies and on television, so it'll be great to be able to say, 'Wow! I saw that.'"

Some other attractions on the group's agenda include lunch at Tavern on the Green and a tour of the Metropolitan Museum.

"I'm so excited," Burbridge said. "We're also going to take a ferry ride at night so we can turn

Spring Break Trips

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•Community Journalism Class—
40-Hour Internships

•Fellowship of Christian Athletes—
Educational retreat

•General Ecology class—
Ozark Underground Laboratory

•Koinonia Campus Ministries—
Saltillo, Mexico

•Physical Education majors—
Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

•Theatre Department—
Trip in New York City

around and see all of New York at night.

"The ferry ride is 25¢, so it'll probably be the cheapest thing to do in the whole city." □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

April 2, 1996 will be a day to remember

April 2, 1996, will not be known this year as just the day after April Fools'.

Instead, it will be regarded as one of the most pivotal days in not only the history of the state of Missouri, but the nation as a whole.

I realize you're scratching your head contemplating the meaning of the above statement, so let me explain.

April 2, 1996, is the day when Amendment 4 goes in the voters of the state.

It is also the deadline for Missouri legislators to come up with a set speed limit law.

Finally, it is the day when O.J. Simpson's civil trial is scheduled to begin.

Brace yourself, gentle reader, you're in for quite a journey.

The stars must have been aligned just right in order for these three items to come together on one date.

The furthest stretch is to tie all three of them on a "Tri-Bill" theory: Two laws (bills) in the Missouri legislature, and O.J. is a former Buffalo Bill. The gods must be grinning fiercely.

Amendment 4 is supposed to give the power of taxation to the people. The law states that any tax increase of more than \$50 million must be voted on by the people of the state.

Amendment 4 is a joke. It's a nice little campaign play for Gov. Mel Carnahan to seem like he's looking out for the lowly taxpaying citizenry.

Carnahan is trying to beat U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) in a little partisan game of chess with tax dollars.

One would think it would be the taxpayers playing the part of the pawns, but in actuality, Jefferson City legislators taking sides are the real pawns.

Missouri voters should adopt Amendment 4 just to kill the partisan bickering.

It's really no big deal.

If you feel shafted from then on out by a lawmaker, vote against them. Hell, run against them.

Oh, yeah! If you vote for Amendment 4, don't do something stupid like vote for Hancock III, if it makes the ballot.

As far as the speed limit farce in the General Assembly goes, I think the people responsible for allowing Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler) to put his filibuster on hold should be hung from the rotunda by their toenails.

I would've paid for the opportunity to see Caskey melt into a smelly heap of flesh after 15 days of arguing that a road on the western coast of Missouri ought to be driven at 70 mph.

Now for the *coupe de grace*: O.J. Simpson.

Are we sick of him yet? Yes we are. Do we care if he skates or fries? No we don't.

Unfortunately, the only thing at stake in this trial is O.J.'s vast fortune, which now includes several autographed rookie cards small children have mailed back to him because their parents won't let them idolize a maniac.

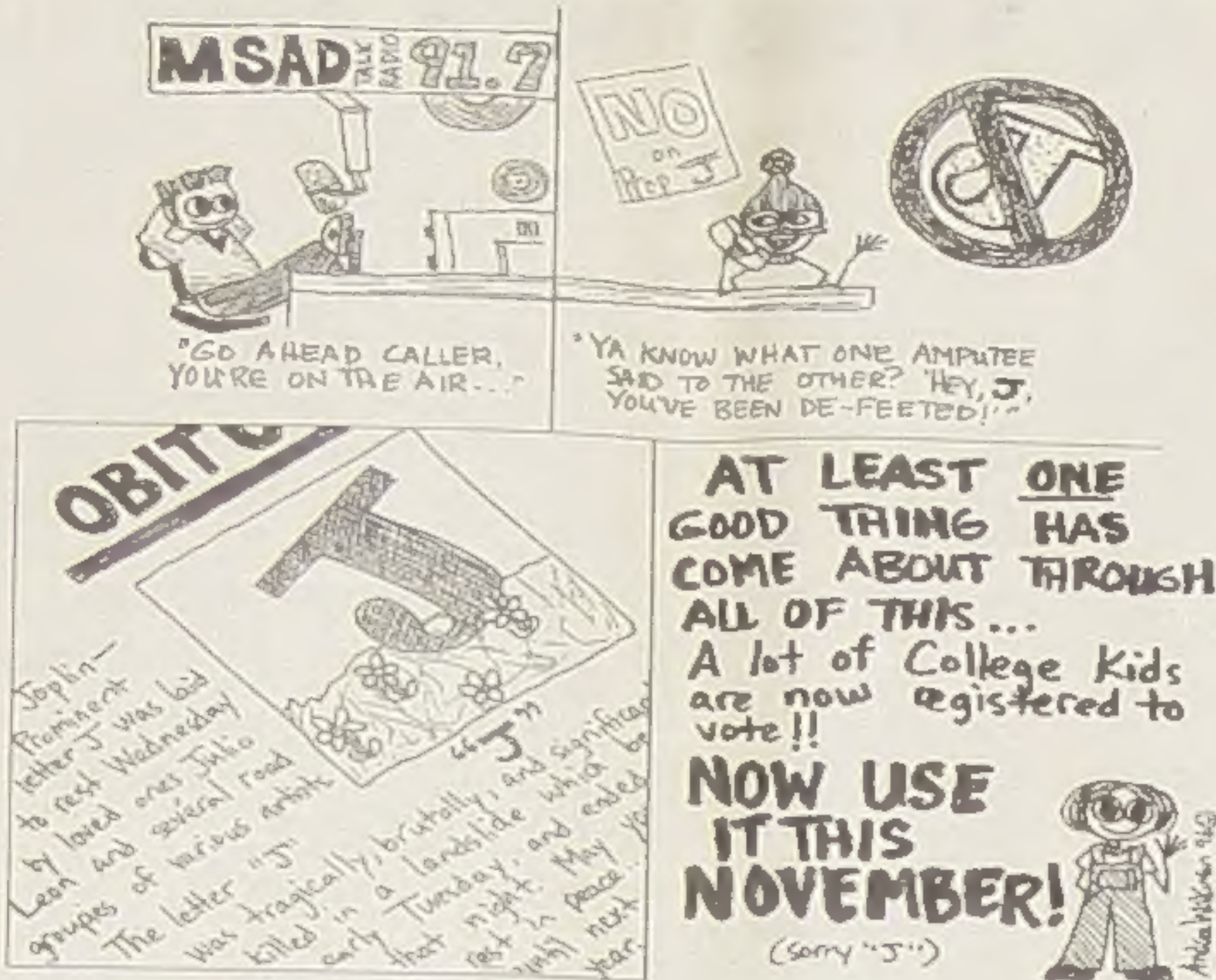
There is a special section in hell reserved for Orenthal James just for the fact that he used to beat Nicole.

He might have killed her, he might not have; his destiny was already sealed when he landed that first right hook.

What a fool! □



J.L. Griffin
Associate Editor



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Joplin will never reach 'big time'

WHAT WERE WE THINKING? Joplin voters once again showcased their own growth limitations Tuesday by demolishing any present or future hope for a Joplin Civic Center.

The Joplin community, which apparently shows plenty of unwarranted conceit concerning growth, proved to itself that it will never reach "big time" proportions. By refusing itself the opportunity to take one of the biggest steps forward in its history, Joplin may be destined for mediocrity well into the next century.

And because of the people's decision to send the proposal down in flames, College president Julio Leon should not waste his time mentioning the words "civic center" and

"Joplin" together in the same sentence. It is unfortunate there are few people here with his progressive aspirations.

Although several arguments arose during the days leading up to the vote, only one turned out to be 100 percent valid—the people of Joplin care little about advancing the community compared to saving a measly three-eighths of a cent.

One argument—that the community would not be able to support a 9,000-seat civic center—was, if anything, proven untrue when almost 10,000 people showed up to vote on this single issue.

To put things into so-often-used stereotypical terms, Joplin expressed its part in the Show-Me State claim. Or should that be Show-Me Singlemindedness? □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, who's fairest?

Check the mirror to see if you are the wicked witch who seeks control or status, all in the name of progress, with a sure-fire plan to help others and improve the common life of the people.

Casualty, very casually before going to the Deli for lunch today, I stepped into a colleague's office to pick up a mirror.

Wow! I had seen all previous issues of this new publication *El Espejo/The Mirror*, but picture my pleasure!—one bite of my small Veggie sandwich and then an exquisite full-course meal, a feast of incisive comments and conclusions about the socioeconomic struggles, human/spiritual conflicts in Latin America, all with a historical backdrop replete with analogies; all this, which cut through the trappings of traditional interpretations, and brought me face-to-face with myself, with respect to my interest in Latin America. Then another bite of my sandwich and on to the pleasant last course of *The Mirror*: Michael Jackson,

Madonna, Frances Drake, and Falla, great!

Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer and his staff of MSSC students had held *The Mirror* (February 1996) up to my face, triggered thoughts of my residence in Mexico, my association with Creole-speaking Haitians, with Cuban physicians, with music teachers who were fans of Falla, and the faces of my Mayan friends, and more, much more, graphics for the parable of the sower, the dove and war machines (memories of the "costly bales [and] ghastly dew" which Tennyson had prophesied) scenes of slums and pot-bellied children; the great haciendas of monied landowners—I nearly put the mirror down, not only because I perhaps was an ugly American but that so many others as well, from Aztec priests who sacrificed human life to the grafters, the educated corrupt, and the power elite, who to some extent really may have wanted to HELP. But Help, help!

I realized, too, that as a colleague, I had

helped in the editing of a few issues where language problems were concerned, but that I had never held *El Espejo/The Mirror* up to an intellectual critique of its content. When I did, it was I the reader who was being tested for my "fairness" and not *El Espejo*, whose catalytic function evoked images that I needed to understand, and to reflect upon, before assuming that a plan or any theoretical posture was good for others, especially in the case of the Latin Americans.

Pick up a *Mirror*, and look at yourself. It is a bilingual publication which bridges distances and differences both through provocative and pleasant articles of international interest.

Dr. V.L. Peterson
Professor of Spanish

NAACP president: Hiring of blacks long overdue

In rebuttal to the letter written by Ron Leonard regarding the hiring of "A" black for the position of assistant to the dean, I forward these comments.

I applaud Dr. Horvath and the administration for vision to see the necessity of hiring blacks. It is long overdue. If endorsing and implementing one position to help win the dignity for a race of people and stir the conscience of the community is bad, then so be it. With a population of 6,000 students, one would think the process would be automatic.

Ron's letter exuberated the vilest kind of bigotry in my opinion. The vulgar and derivative practice is that we are now in 1996 appropriating the shortest month of the year to teach a vast and intriguing history of a diverse race and culture. The saddest part is that some people feel obligated to practice tolerance for one month a year just because they are asked.

It's very alarming to me to know that there are educated people in this time and space that are as narrow minded and tunnel visioned.

The implication that the "BEST" qualified and capable applicant WONT or CANT be a racially diverse person is appalling.

Since forced integration, have we not been educated by the same teachers? Have we not been educated by the same books as you? Even though for many years the white, standardized books were antiquated when we received them.

The word "qualified" is a weed-out cliché for the hiring process by the white European male standards. I've been exposed to a lot of unqualified, incompetent whites in my life, but they remain working and are continually hired.

My experience has been that most blacks hired in this type scenario are the "cream of the crop." Most definitely as qualified as

any other applicant and many times over qualified for the position.

I appreciate the intellectual insight and fortitude of Dr. Horvath and the administration for taking on this task. Inasmuch as the black community is small in number, we wholeheartedly support the effort in whatever manner is necessary to bring about a much needed change.

We hope that students such as Ron are definitely in the minority. God forbid if the knowledge they may obtain about black Americans may help them in their pursuit of higher education!!

It will definitely be their loss from the "LACK" of "BLACK" exposure.

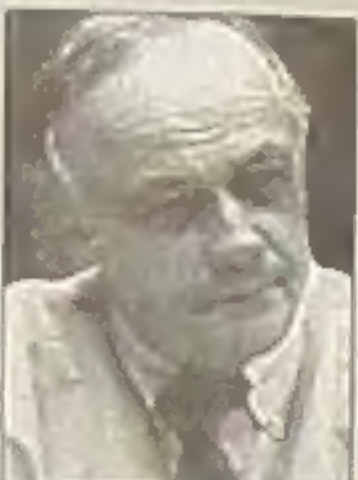
Patsy Robinson
Educator
President, Joplin branch NAACP

IN PERSPECTIVE

Mapping a future for students

On April 2 parents and patrons of the R-8 School District will consider a bond issue in the amount of \$20 million.

The request for these funds has not developed quickly or without great thought and effort on the part of hundreds of people in the R-8 community. Parents, concerned R-8 patrons, teachers, administrators, and members of the Board of Education have worked together for the last three years to map the educational future of more than 7,000 R-8 students.



Dr. Vernon Hudson
Superintendent, Joplin schools

Beginning in 1993, the long-range planning committee began its study of students' needs.

As a result of the study, the grade configuration sub-committee recommended a new grade alignment (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12).

Then the physical facilities sub-committee proposed the building of additional school sites to accommodate the new grade alignment and to begin modernizing school structures. Consequently, the school district has developed a four-part educational plan which will create the most opportunities for students, now and in the future.

The four-part plan features these district objectives. First, a ninth-grade education center will be established at Joplin High School. Second, a new middle school will be constructed to allow three middle school sites to accommodate grades 6-8.

The third objective of the plan is the creation of optional all-day kindergarten. Finally, the district will begin fulfilling its commitment to air condition all R-8 schools by air conditioning as many buildings as possible with the increased funding from the levy.

Air conditioning became a part of the plan when the district's consultant learned that this is a top priority with both R-8 parents and students.

The theme of the bond issue campaign is *More than buildings... making good schools better*. The purpose of the bond issue is to fund a comprehensive four-part plan which will redesign the educational program for Joplin R-8 students.

It is our purpose to give them greater educational opportunities and to increase their chances for success in school and throughout their lives. The proposed ninth grade education center and new middle school are means to these ends, not the ends themselves. Speaking simply, without these new facilities, we cannot do the things for our students that we very much want to do for them and that they deserve.

The levy increase to retire the bonds will amount to an additional 8 cents a day for the average household.

Preliminary estimates by the district, projected at the highest end of the range of estimated cost increases, indicate that the annual property tax increase on a home valued at \$50,000 would be \$28.50. Even with the levy increase, the levy for the Joplin R-8 would still be considerably lower than that of many surrounding school districts.

Funds from the bond issue will

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FACULTY SENATE

Leon thanks Proposition J campaigners

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate meeting Monday was unusually short, due in part to the brevity of College President Julio Leon's remarks. On the day preceding the vote on Proposition J, Leon had few comments left to make.

Initially his only comment was, "I'm looking forward to spring break."

Later, however, he responded to the coaxing of Dr. J.R. Moorman, Senate president, and expressed his thanks to everyone who worked for and contributed to the Proposition J campaign, stating that more than 5,000 households were contacted in person by volunteers.

Leon also expressed disappointment that the spirit behind the proposed civic center, which he perceives as one of long-standing partnership between the College and the community, was widely misun-

derstood and discredited.

"This particular project has been labeled 'welfare for the College,' and we have been made to think, at least in my own mind, that maybe we ought to stop thinking of ourselves as a local college," he said. "The impression I have received from many people is that we are just another state bureaucracy that is after the local taxpayers' money."

In other business, Marvin Larson, business instructor, informed the Senate of three concerns that student athletes made known to the athletic committee. Lyn Dee Harrelson, senior communications major and representative of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, said the athletes' primary concern is the safety, reliability, and cleanliness of the College's vehicles.

The athletes believe the fleet is "woefully inadequate," and other members of the athletic committee labeled the vehicles an "embarrassment to the College." Bernie

Johnson, athletic committee chair, said he would apprise the administration of the students' concerns because of possible liability implications.

In addition to the vehicles, the athletes also expressed concern about the quality of the College's food and the problem of enrolling in closed classes. Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, invited Harrelson to meet with food service representatives and to partake of several meals with him so that she could gain first-hand information about the quality of the fare that is offered. He also assured her that he and Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, would assist the student athletes with enrollment problems on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. John Knapp, parliamentarian, suggested establishing a new committee that would be responsible for the oversight of the computer networks on campus. He believes the committee could help various departments establish home pages



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Dr. Julio Leon
College president

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on the World Wide Web, provide troubleshooting, and bring a level of consistency to all the computer operations on campus.

Richard Rawlins, assistant professor of business, noted that an informal multi-media group already exists and meets once a month to address those needs. Further discussion focused on whether to create a formal committee or to better promote the informal group. The

committee on committees will decide at a future meeting.

Moorman announced that Dr. Vernon Peterson, professor of communications, will retire at the end of the semester. Moorman noted that Peterson plans to continue an informal relationship with students through SOHISPRO, a pro-Spanish education society.

The Faculty Senate will meet again April 1. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Magazine wants help in Southwest Missouri

Missouri magazine is looking for freelance photographers and writers to cover the southwest Missouri area.

"No professional experience is necessary; amateurs and students would be perfect," said Lynn Audy, assistant editor. "All you need is the ability to tell a story with words and pictures."

Missouri magazine is a 50-page, quarterly publication produced by University of Missouri-Columbia journalism students. The magazine explores Missouri's history, culture, and scenic landscapes.

"The magazine cannot offer monetary compensation, but it makes an excellent clip for your portfolio," Audy said. "Publication in a state magazine really stands out on a résumé. Film will be provided for all photographers."

For more information, persons should contact Audy at (573) 882-5722 or c607558@mizzou1.edu. □

2nd Public Issue Forum at 7:30 tonight at SEMO

The second in a series of Public Issues Forums, "An Evening with Jack Danforth," at Southeast Missouri State University, is set for today at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The former U.S. senator is expected to discuss his political career and life, and his views on current political events.

"We are really looking forward to having Sen. Danforth on our campus," said Jim Biundo, assistant vice president for university relations, who is spearheading the Public Issues Forums. "He has had a stellar career in the U.S. Senate."

The series of free Public Issues Forums is being sponsored by Southeast to provide information on important public issues to both students and the general public. The series was launched Feb. 16 with a legislative panel composed of eight members of the Missouri General Assembly. □

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to visit Northwest

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has prosecuted governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound. Now the respected attorney will come to Northwest Missouri State University to inaugurate the first annual James H. Lemon Founders Lecture Series.

Kennedy will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. There is no admission charge for the event.

Kennedy's reputation as a resolute defender of the environment stems from a litany of successful legal actions. He has won settlements for the Hudson Riverkeeper and argued cases to expand citizen access to the shoreline. He has also sued sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act.

"He's a pioneer as an attorney in the area of municipal and government responsibility for environmental problems," says Hudson Riverkeeper John Cronin. □

Powerbooks may soon be required equipment

Under a plan advanced by the dean of the school of education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, education students would be required to lease a Macintosh Powerbook computer complete with the best available education software.

"To the future teacher, a computer is as much a piece of technology as the pen," said Dean Richard Andrews. "A computer, for a teacher, has to become an extension of themselves and thus expands their repertoire of teaching strategies to work with students."

After graduation, students would have the option to purchase the computer. □

YOU AINT NUTHIN' BUT A HOUN' DAWG



DEBORAH SLOMON/The Chart

Darin McCann, cameraman for KODE, catches the action as Darwin Warner impersonates Elvis Presley at the Cerebral Palsy Telethon held Sunday in Webster Hall auditorium. The telethon raised \$51,343.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Internships help students gain useful skills, contacts

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Seniors majoring in criminal justice will soon have another internship opportunity. The U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri probation office has informed the criminal justice department that it will accept up to two student interns each semester, in each of the offices. The offices are located in Kansas City, Springfield, and Jefferson City.

The students will gain practical experience in the supervision of offenders, the preparation of pre-sentence investigation reports, and/or the completion of special projects related to the investigation of offenders.

Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department, believes internships provide both the student and the employer with a valuable resource.

"It's an excellent opportunity because students get some real world experience, and that it helps them decide if that's the area that they really want to go into," he said. "We've had some students who, after an internship, made a real important life decision that that's not what they want to go into."

"The internships are also important because they give the agency an opportunity to look the students

over to see if they think they would be good employees."

Wolf said students usually get to intern with their first or second choice, and once that agency has had a chance to evaluate the students, many are offered jobs.

"We've been real lucky in that a lot of students have been hired by the agencies that they've interned with," he said. "We've been really fortunate in that respect."

Robert Terry, assistant professor of law enforcement, agrees.

"[Internships] allow the agency to become familiar with the students, so it's a good foot in the door with regards to future employment."

From the Missouri State Water Patrol to the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, students find many places to intern. The department has even had an intern as far away as Washington, D.C.

"We have agencies that there's probably more demand for internships than we have the number of students to supply them with," Wolf said.

Students do have to find an agency willing to let them intern, however.

"We like for them to find an agency that they would like to be employed with later on in life," Terry said. □

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

High schoolers prepare to compete

140 entries from 18 area schools to show historical knowledge at Southern March 15

By LESLIE ROBERTS
EDUCATION EDITOR

Students from high schools across southwest Missouri will compete in seven categories in the District 8 contest of this year's National History Day March 15 at Missouri Southern.

The winners of these categories may be bad news for competitors across the rest of the state. Last year, 19 of 42 winners at the state contest and half of the national winners from Missouri came from District 8.

"Our district has established a statewide and even national reputation for the quality of its entries," said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history.

Teverow attributes the success of District 8 participants to area teachers and, of course, to the students themselves.

"I've been to the state contest numerous times, and there are some very, very gifted teachers in this area who work with their students to help them understand how to go about doing research, how to present things

in visually appealing ways. If it's a project or media display, or how to bring life to a performance," Teverow said.

"Also, we have some very hard working students who make [the contest] a point of pride."

There are 140 entries from 18 area schools this year.

"There certainly have been bigger contests here, but this is a large a contest as we have had in the past six years," Teverow said.

He believes the contest has educational value for students.

"I think there should be room for activities that reward students on the basis of scholarship," he said. "That's part of this contest."

"It's not a one-shot trivia contest," Teverow. "It actually requires them to pick out a topic of interest to them in the field of history, in order to do research it."

This requires them to act a lot more independently than they otherwise would.

"That's not necessarily more important than what they do in the class, but it's as important, and that's something the stu-

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Dr. Paul Teverow
Associate professor
of history

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dents may not have an opportunity for without History Day."

Another thing students might go without should there be no National History Day would be the initial exposure to the College.

"We've had History Day winners who have come to Missouri Southern," Teverow said. "Whether it was because of History Day, I don't know."

"I'd like to think that people who are now history majors are interested in the discipline of history because of History Day. I know that's at least true in one or two cases." □

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Thursday, March 7, 1996

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 7

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:15 p.m.—
Pre-Law Club meeting, Webster Hall, Room 224.
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society AERHO meeting, MSTV Studio.
7:30 p.m.—
Southern Trio, Webster Hall auditorium.

Friday 8

Noon—
Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.
Noon to 1 p.m.—
Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 314.

Saturday 9

8 p.m. to 1 a.m.—
CAB oldies dance, music by Curt Benelli, free refreshments and prizes, Billingsly Student Center, Connor Ballroom.

Sunday 10

9:30 a.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 11

Bookstore sidewalk sale—clothing, office supplies, reference materials, assorted supplies 40-60% off through March 11.
7 p.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

Tuesday 12

1 a.m.—
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
Noon—
Latter Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
Noon—
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
12:15 p.m.—
Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
12:20 p.m.—
Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.
7 p.m.—
Japanese National Debate Team debates with Missouri Southern squad, Webster Hall auditorium.

Wednesday 13

5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.
7 p.m.—
Madrigal Feast at Taylor Performing Arts Center. Menu will include chicken quarters, beef ribs, corn on the cob, potatoes, soup, cheese, fruit, and pie, \$15. Tickets available in Billingsly Student Center, Room 112, Ext. 9366.

Thursday 14

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STUDENT PROFILE



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

James Kilpatrick, senior Spanish major, studies his Spanish homework in the language laboratory in Webster Hall Tuesday. Kilpatrick also learned sign language in order to communicate with a deaf friend.

Senior follows love of language

Kilpatrick teaches Spanish, signing

By RUSTY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Learning a different language can be difficult, but some people can learn multiple languages with ease.

James Kilpatrick, a senior Spanish major originally from Blytheville, Ark., can speak languages both verbally and nonverbally.

"I have been interested in languages since I was 11," Kilpatrick said. "I chose Spanish because it was the most popular."

He has not traveled extensively to Hispanic countries, but has crossed the border briefly to visit Matamoros.

"I took a tour of the town and really enjoyed it," Kilpatrick said. "The tour guide made an effort to show how everyone, both rich and poor, lives."

Along with his interest in Spanish, Kilpatrick also knows sign language. He learned it at 16 in order to communicate with a friend.

"I met a deaf friend who came to the services that I

went to at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness," Kilpatrick said. "I learned from a book, and he helped me."

This is also where Kilpatrick met his wife, Christy.

"We had similar interests," he said. "She had a distant relative who was deaf, so we studied sign language together with the same guy."

Kilpatrick has taught sign language at Franklin Technical School since 1990. His wife works full-time as an interpreter for deaf students at North Middle School and attends Missouri Southern part-time.

"Many people don't realize there are many forms of sign language," Kilpatrick said. "There are two kinds: ASL (American Sign Language) and SEE II (Signing Exact English). There were no courses in Joplin offered that were exact English, so I decided to start one."

With his busy schedule, Kilpatrick still has time for tutoring.

"I currently tutor a Joplin Junior High home-bound student," he said. "I don't tutor on a regular basis."

Kilpatrick also substitute teaches at Joplin R-8 and Carl Junction schools. He said the students have been respectful overall.

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James Kilpatrick
Senior
spanish major

"My philosophy as the teacher is I respect them and they will usually respect me back," he said.

"It doesn't always work, but it usually does."

Kilpatrick would like to work in secondary schools after he graduates.

"I prefer education and teaching Spanish to anyone in seventh through 12th grade," he said. "With further training I wouldn't mind interpreting."

Kilpatrick is also involved with the campus group Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. □

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Group to trade clean undies

Psychology Club to hold garage sale, sell special coffees

By STEPHANIE WARD
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to helping out, Missouri Southern's Psychology Club doesn't mind putting forth the extra effort.

Every semester, the Psychology Club does a community service activity and a fund-raising activity. Last semester it raised money by walking for Hospice.

"We don't know what we're doing [for the community] yet for this semester," said Kimberly Woodard, senior psychology major and secretary of Psychology Club.

"We've got committees working on that right now. We're thinking about doing something for the elderly in Joplin."

The fund-raiser for this year is going to be "Java Garage Sale," according to Candy Vincent, senior psychology major and current president of the Psychology Club.

She said the club also will be holding a garage sale and selling various types of coffees.

Lisa Ross, junior psychology major, said the club would be collecting old eyeglasses to donate to the needy later in the semester.

In addition to the community service and fund raising, the Psychology Club attends conferences, hosts guest speakers, and has social gatherings.

On March 15-16, the club is going to Wichita State University to the Great Plains conference. There are around eight to 10 students who will be giving presentations at the conference.

These students will be practicing their presentations at noon Friday in Room 115 of Taylor Hall. Vincent said this is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

In April, the Psychology Club will have a social gathering at Dr. Roger Paige's house. Paige is a professor of psychology at Southern.

"This year it is called the 'non-conformists-pink-elephant-underwear-trade,'" Ross said. "Everybody is to bring a pair of underwear, preferably new, preferably clean, and wrapped up. Then, we'll do kind of like this trade thing."

Ross said getting involved in Psychology Club can be advanta-

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Lisa Ross
Club member

geous. If students come as freshmen, they are more likely to get ideas about research they might want to do in the future, and they can see how it is presented.

"Graduate school is very competitive," Ross said. "The sooner you get the practice skills and attend some events, I think the more it helps build your resume, and the more you can become relaxed at doing a lot of the things that are going to be required of you. You know, like making presentations or writing papers."

Vincent said the main goals of the Psychology Club are to "support each other in our endeavors" and to "provide a basis for future planning."

She enjoys the opportunity to socialize with others in her particular field of interest.

She said there are about 15 active members in the club this semester. The Psychology Club holds its meetings at noon every Friday in Room 123 of Taylor Hall. It meets in conjunction with Psi Chi, the honor society for psychology students.

Dr. Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology and sponsor of Psychology Club, said the club is open to anyone who is interested. Students do not have to be psychology majors to join.

"Most of the things people in the club end up doing," Babbitt said, "are going to be related to psychology because that's what they're interested in. It's a good way to learn something about the culture of psychology on an informal level."

"You certainly get to talk to other students who are going to give presentations or students who have taken the GRE, and you can learn from those students about the things that you may face in the future." □

FORENSICS

Debate squad to spar against Japanese team

By ELIZABETH LOVLAND
CAMPUS EDITOR

After taking first and second place in its state competition and taking part in regionals, Missouri Southern's debate team will square off against opponents from a different country.

The College will host the 1996 Japanese National Debate Team Spring Tour Monday through Wednesday.

The debate will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Eric Marlow, director of forensics and debate team adviser, said bringing the Japanese National Debate Team to Southern was not an easy task.

The Japanese squad will visit 14 colleges and universities, including the University of Southern California, California State University-Fresno, Creighton University, Northwestern University, and Abilene Christian.

Kenneth DeLaughder, senior speech communications major and assistant debate coach, and Eric Dicharry, senior economics major, will team up for the debate.

DeLaughder and Dicharry

placed fifth in the 1995 Cross Examination Debate Association national tournament.

"We've done a lot of research," said DeLaughder, coordinator of the event. "We are ready to debate trade issues even with the Japanese."

The Japanese debate team will feature the combination of Junya Morooka and Takeshi Yamamura. Morooka attends the Dokkyo University, and Yamamura is a student at the University of Tokyo.

Marlow said it will be interesting to see how the Japanese debate.

"A lot of what we teach here is very structured," he said.

"It's not exactly what most people would consider enjoyable to watch."

"It will be good for us to see what it is like to see somebody outside our culture arguing issues that we argue all the time."

Marlow said the event will add a great deal to Southern's international mission.

"I think our institution and our faculty will be received on a more international scale than just a state college," he said. "We are bringing people from outside our culture to debate us on issues of global significance." □

CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT

Workshop attracts four participants

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in improving their chances on the job market attended the "Building Blocks for Success" workshop Feb. 29.

The workshop provided by career planning and placement told participants how to be more successful in their job search by teaching proper communication skills, interviewing methods, and resume writing.

"What I want students to come away from this workshop is understanding what the basic

elements are," said Jennifer Yazell, interim director of career planning and placement.

Career planning and placement provides a workshop for this purpose once every semester. Although the usual number of people who attend ranges from 20 to 50, only four students came to the Feb. 29 seminar. According to Yazell, the low attendance could have been due to the many students career planning and placement has already reached.

"We have a lot of instructors who invite us into their classes to speak about specific topics that pertain to their students," she

said, "so we're reaching more students in the classrooms."

Last year, the workshops reached hundreds of students. Career planning and placement also saw more than 200 students on an individual basis and about 100 more through walk-ins.

The information provided by the workshop is designed to help students get ahead on the job market. However, Yazell said most students don't think about it until late in their college career or after graduation.

She encourages students to prepare for their job searches after the sophomore year. □

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REYNOLDS HALL

Chemistry, physics instructor to author book

Cookbook's easy meals have few ingredients, short preparation time

By JENNIFER BAXLEY
CHART REPORTER

What do chemistry, physics, and a cookbook have in common? The answer is simple: Dr. John H. Summerfield, assistant professor of chemistry.

Summerfield, a graduate of Oregon State University, teaches chemistry and physics at Missouri Southern. He is also involved in authoring a cookbook that entails easy meals with few ingredients and short preparation time.

The idea for the cookbook came to Summerfield when he was in graduate school.

"My time was limited, making it hard to cook elaborate meals, so I decided to look for recipes that were quick and easy to prepare," he said.

As of now, he has approximately 80 recipes compiled on his way to the 100 he hopes to accomplish.

Summerfield said the cookbook is "just a hobby" for him, and as of now he doesn't have a publisher for it.

Summerfield became a teacher because he likes chemistry and physics and also because

of his desire to learn about the physical world.

"It's fun to be around people who are learning," he said. "I enjoy being around young people."

Summerfield also believes it's a plus that he is surrounded by pleasant faculty and students.

A native of Klamath Falls, Ore., Summerfield lived in Missouri last year and really liked it.

He wanted to stay in the area and Southern made that possible, giving him a chance to teach chemistry and physics in August 1995. Summerfield believed it was a plus that a degree in chemistry is offered to students who choose to pursue such a field.

Other jobs he has held include teaching at University of Missouri and Stephens College, both in Columbia.

A rewarding aspect of Summerfield's job is "helping the students understand the world they live in better."

Summerfield is single and enjoys hobbies, other than his cookbook, such as skiing, backpacking, going to the movies, and racquetball.

A mentor of Summerfield's is his 11th-grade chemistry teacher, Elizabeth Earle.

"We did many interesting experiments," Summerfield said.

Author, teacher, and moviegoer are just a few words to describe Summerfield, the assistant professor with a knack for making cooking a shorter experience. □



Dr. John Summerfield, assistant professor of chemistry, demonstrates a Van de Graaff generator in a Reynolds Hall lecture room. Summerfield instructs chemistry and physics and enjoys "helping students understand the world they live in better."

HEALTH CENTER

Baker believes in education

By TRAVIS STRONG
CHART REPORTER

Behind a desk, answering the phone, and taking messages at the student health center is Elizabeth Baker.

She is the secretary and receptionist for the College's student health center, radiologist Wiley Beals, EMT Michael Kriek, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City school of nursing master's program.

Baker enjoys working for the College.

"I think the college environment is an excellent place to be," she said. "I have worked in private businesses, and I enjoy the college environment the most."

Baker works part-time at Missouri Southern and is also a part-time student at PSU, working on her master's degree in communications.

"Communications is a very versatile degree program," she said. "I think the possibilities of this field are endless. If you can communicate in writing or orally you can do a lot. All fields require good communication skills. If you have that, you can enhance it with any other degree."

Baker thinks an education is an important part of



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Elizabeth Baker, receptionist and secretary for the College's health center, accepts documents from Retha Ketchum, assistant professor of nursing.

life. She thinks a person attending college should take his or her studies seriously.

"I have a younger brother who is a senior at the University of Nebraska, and what I always preach to him is study hard," she said. "Don't wait till the night before the test. You should pursue the subject that interests you the most."

She was excited when she heard about the job opening at the student health center. She applied for the job and was hired in November 1995 as secretary and receptionist. Baker is married and has two Dalmatians and a cat. Her hobbies are working in the garden and keeping the yard up, walking her dogs, reading, cooking, and trying new recipes. □

WEBSTER HALL

Kearney starts the day early

By CATHY WHEELER
CHART REPORTER

It's dark...and there's no one else around. The only sound is that of a single set of footsteps echoing through the long, empty hall. Creepy?

"Not at all," says Tom Kearney, day custodian for Webster Hall. "I've never been afraid of the dark, so it doesn't bother me at all."

While most of us are still snoozing, Kearney arrives at the building each morning at 5. He unlocks doors, turns on lights, checks the heating/cooling system, and makes a cursory security check.

Kearney, who has been employed at Missouri Southern for about 13 months, describes his job as "pretty down-to-earth."

His responsibilities include maintenance, sanitation, general housekeeping, security, and event set-up. Kearney's duties aren't necessarily limited to Webster Hall. He is sometimes called to assist with projects in other buildings on campus.

"There's always something going on, and always something that needs to be done," Kearney says.

General maintenance and housekeeping duties are second nature to Kearney, who at one time owned four ServiceMaster franchises (Joplin, Pittsburg, Miami, and Tulsa) and a fire restoration business that employed 35 people. At the peak of his entrepreneurship, he also owned 33 rental houses.

"I was working seven days a week, 10-12 hours a day," Kearney said, "and it finally got to the point where it just wasn't worth it."

Increasing competition and added pressures of government regulations forced Kearney to reevaluate his priorities.

"Before, I was living to work...now I work to live," he says.

Kearney is a graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he obtained a bachelor of science degree in public administration.

He worked as a sales representative for several years in Michigan before family matters brought him to Missouri.

That was 22 years ago, and he now considers Joplin "home."

Kearney is single and has two daughters living in Joplin, ages 13 and 16. He has a son who is working toward his master's degree at Kansas City Art Institute.

Also close to Kearney's heart is 11-year-old Kelli, his golden



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Tom Kearney, custodian, gave up the ownership of four Service Master franchises, a fire restoration business, and 33 rental houses.

retriever. Although he has "slowed down" the pace of his once "workaholic" lifestyle, he is not the type to sit idle.

"I like to keep busy," Kearney says. "And I like to work with my hands."

He spent "countless hours" restoring a 1977 MGB, a sports car you'll occasionally see on campus.

He still owns 10 rental properties and likes to spend time on "home improvement-type" projects. His next major undertaking?

"I recently bought some acreage outside of town and plan to build a home there," Kearney said.

His advice to college students: "Start the day early," he said. "Make the most of it. And don't think about the bogeyman when you're all alone in the dark." □

“Before, I was living to work...now I work to live.”

Tom Kearney
Custodian

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Wecker finds time for simple life



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Jennie Wecker, part-time English instructor, helps her husband own and manage a Value 99 Store.

English instructor enjoys sewing, watching 'Star Trek'

By GINA PETERSON
CHART REPORTER

In between working as a part-time English instructor, owning the Value 99 Store, raising three children, and being married to a "Jughead" look alike, Jennie Wecker finds time to sew and watch "Star Trek."

Wecker's daughter, Palrece, is a junior at Missouri Southern. Her sons, Nathan and Justin, are in high school and junior high, respectively.

Wecker owns and manages the Value 99 Store with

her husband. The store is located on Range Line between McDonald's and Pizza Inn.

Despite her rather hectic schedule, Wecker's philosophy of life is "to try and have a simple and uncomplicated lifestyle." She enjoys reading and loves to sew. Although she enjoys teaching English, she would also love to be a seamstress for movie stars.

"I can sew just about anything," Wecker said.

Wecker is not much for movies, but says "I don't miss 'Star Trek: The Next Generation' at 4 p.m." If Wecker could live anywhere, it would be "a quiet, little acreage way back in the woods on a river surrounded by nature" away from the rat race. Her worst fear is to have car trouble on Range Line.

Her long-term goal is to restore a Victorian mansion "after winning the lottery, of course," she says with a laugh. "I am a Victorian fanatic."

Wecker has been to many interesting places. The most interesting venture was to England, where she studied at Oxford University for three weeks. She also made time to visit the beautiful historical sites and consume the traditional eight-course meal.

Growing up in Webb City, she remembers how much she enjoyed driving her father's two-ton grain truck to work and school and playing softball in a dress, hose, and pumps.

She received her bachelor's degree from Southern and her master's from Pittsburg State University. Being a non-traditional student and having a family, she had her work cut out for her.

In the spring semester of 1995, Wecker came to Southern to teach English part-time. She hopes to receive her doctorate in the future.

"The most rewarding part of teaching is actually seeing students learn," she said. "The tedious part of teaching is the fun grading you get to do."

Wecker's advice to college students: "Do the best job you can possibly can and work diligently because it will set your standards for the work place when you graduate." □



COMING ATTRACTIONS

On Campus

All times on campus are 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Southern Theatre
417-625-3190

April 20-21—Peter and the Wolf, 2:30 p.m.

Matthews Hall auditorium
March 12—Casque D'or.
(Golden Marie).

March 26—I Am A Camera.

April 9—Fragment of an Empire.

Spiva Art Gallery

Gallery hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Now-March 15—Alumni Art Show featuring pastel landscapes by Gary E. Warren and Kimberly Kissel Leffen's portraits and figure works.

March 29-April 12—Watercolor Exhibit, students of Jim Bray display their work.

April 2-May 10—Senior Shows, as part of their graduation requirements, three groups of seniors will exhibit works in the special media emphasis.

Phinney Recital Hall

March 10—String Festival, 1 p.m.

April 12—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 4 p.m.

April 14—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 1 p.m.

Taylor Auditorium

March 13-16—Madrigal Dinner, 7 p.m.

April 4—Jazz Band Concert.

April 23-26—MSIPC.

Webster Hall auditorium

March 7—Southern Trio.

March 23—District Piano Music Festival, all day.

March 26—Robert Harris, Piano Recital.

March 31—Joplin Piano Teachers, Student Recital, all day.

April 3—Senior Recital, Jerry Sharp.

April 12—Suzuki Recital.

April 13—Joplin Piano Teachers, student recital, 8:30 a.m.

April 14—Marguerite Camey's Student's Voice Recital.

April 17—Betsy Thurman Reed's Student's Flute Recital.

Joplin

The Grind

784-7999

All times are at 9 p.m.

Tuesday nights—Open Mike Night.

March 8—Michelle Deniston.

March 9—Fugue.

March 15—Crave.

March 16—Glitterskin.

March 22—Distractions.

March 23—Vaginal Discharge and Mike Hoerman.

March 29—Tryptych.

The Java House

659-8500

All times are at 9 p.m.

March 9—Water Deep.

March 15—Open Mike Night.

March 22—Bob Collins.

Bypass

624-9095

All times are at 9:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday is

Alternative Wednesday.

March 8—Walking on Einstein.

March 15—Oreo Blue.

March 16—King Friday.

March 23—Live Comedy Night.

March 29—Barton, Blake & Sweeney.

Champs

782-4944

All times are at 9 p.m.

March 15-16—Joe Giles.

March 22-23—Rhythm Station.

Kristy's (in the Holiday Inn)

782-4000

All times are at 8:30 p.m.

March 8-9—Untamed Heart.

March 10—Pope Steve.

March 15-16—Slick Alibi.

March 17—Walking on Einstein.

March 31—36 Engines.

George A. Spiva Center for the Arts

623-083

March 8-April 20—46th Spiva Annual.

March 5-29—Artwork of Robert Schwieger in the Regional Focus Gallery.

Carthage

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre

417-358-9665

March 7-9, 15-17—The Housekeeper, 6:30 p.m., 1 p.m. on March 17.

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Fields announces 1996-97 schedule

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON
ARTS EDITOR

Three student directors and Chekhov's classic *The Sea Gull* will highlight the 1996-97 Southern Theatre season.

Crista Waggoner, Tabitha Davison, and David Waggoner, senior theatre majors who have taken Directing I and II and done an "acceptable job" in those classes, will direct the first, third, and fifth shows next year.

"Tabitha and David are both proven directors," said Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department. "We wanted Crista to direct last year, but now she has the courage to do it."

Davison directed *The Fourposter* in October

and will direct the children's play *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* by Dorothy Holloway.

David Waggoner, who directed the American College Theatre Festival participant, *Orphans*, will direct Anton Chekhov's *The Sea Gull*.

Crista Waggoner will direct *Waiting for the Parade* in her directoral debut.

In association with having a student direct a Chekhov play, David Waggoner will take an independent study with Dr. Patricia Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program.

"We decided if he's going to bite off Chekhov, he would need some help," she said. "We knew he would do the research, but there are seasoned professionals who won't touch Chekhov. There's so much

beyond the surface, and we wanted to make sure he addresses everything."

This class will be different from other independent study classes because three other instructors will participate: Dr. Joy Dworkin, assistant professor of English; Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English; and Brenda Jackson, part-time instructor of theatre and Theatre History instructor.

"This is good for David because he will have a mentorship established that he can draw from," Kluthe said. "This actually looks like a study group, and it will be good for the professors, too, because they get a chance to study Chekhov again."

Duane Hunt, associate professor of theatre, will direct two shows, one each semester.

He will direct *Ralph Roister Doister* in October and the children's play *Aesop's Fables* in April 1997.

"Children's shows are not quite so taxing," Fields said. "They are shorter, only one hour, compared to the main stage shows."

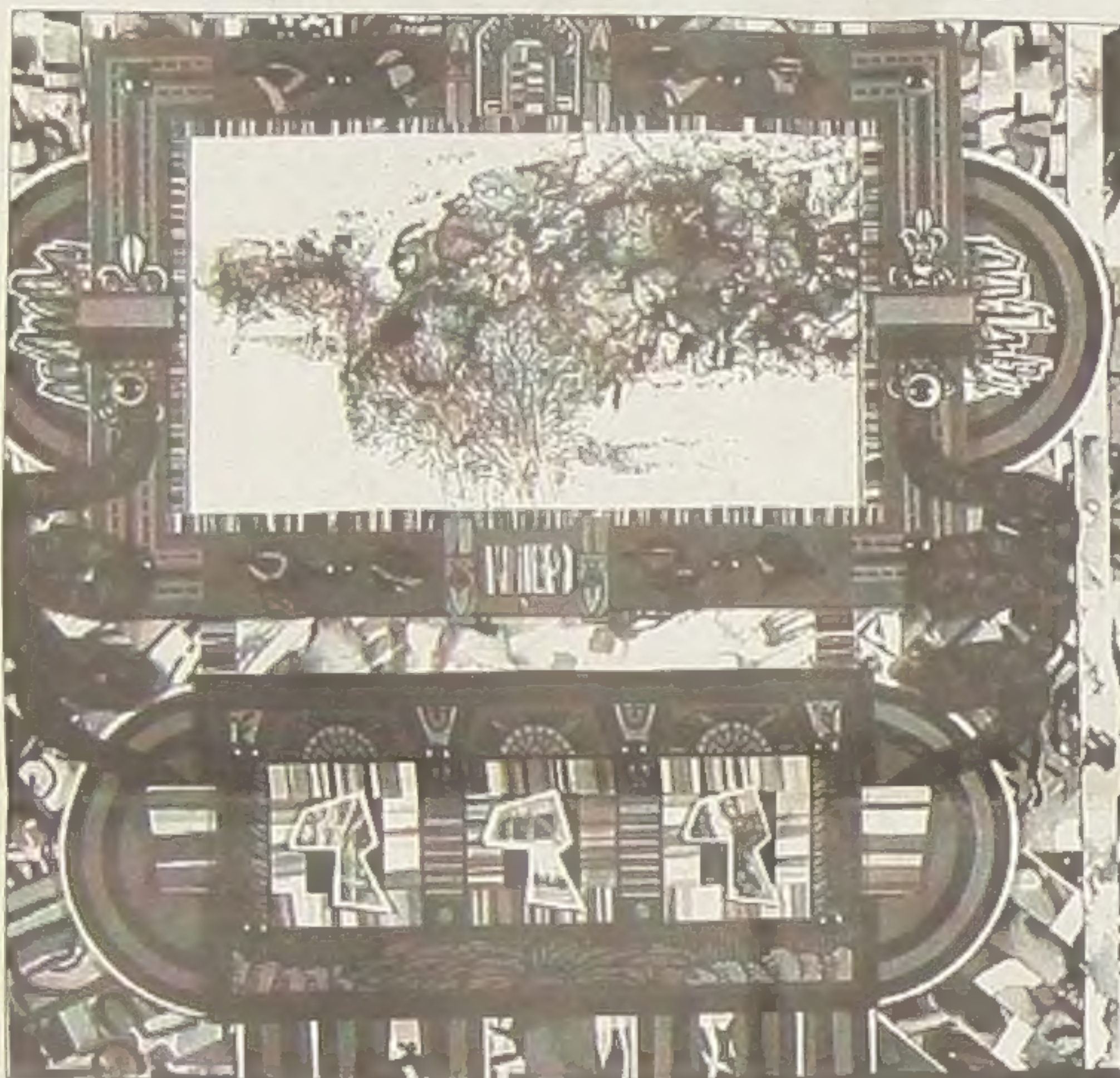
Completing the season will be *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, which Fields will direct.

Fields also hopes to continue his visiting artist program. Dr. Alex Pinkston directed *Twelfth Night* last spring, and Jeff Bauer recently finished his work as set designer for *Camelot*.

"We're not sure right now," Fields said, "but it will either be an actor or a designer, not a director." □

ART DEPARTMENT

'Dakotah' reflects Schwieger's prior, present lives



ROBERT SCHWIEGER/Special to The Chart

'Prairie Plant Stand,' a silk-screen/monoprint/construction work by Robert Schwieger, will be part of an exhibit called 'Dakotah' in the Regional Focus Gallery at the Spiva Center for the Arts through March 29.

MUSICIANS FOR CHILDREN

SAFE benefit concerts crowd Grind, coffers

Bands raise \$4,500 to aid abuse victims

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

After four days of standing room-only crowds for 34 bands, organizers of Musicians for Children are still counting the money brought in.

The bands played over a four-night span, Feb. 21-24, to raise funding for the SAFE Coalition, an organization for the victims of sexual abuse.

"We still have money coming in," said Patty Huffman, president of SAFE. "After we pay for the T-shirts and things, we expect to clear about \$4,500."

Huffman said the coalition has begun working with children from the Boy's Club and will start its Team SAFE program again.

"That's where we take teenagers and teach them healthy boundaries, and we teach them to be mentors to the younger children," Huffman said.

SAFE recently acquired a house to serve as its base of operations, after operating out of Huffman's own home for the last few years.

The money raised last week will be used for peer counseling, court watches, and educational programs to combat the sexual abuse of children.

Daron Goode, owner of The Grind, a Joplin coffeehouse, said the bands brought in an average of \$1,200-\$1,500 a night.

Tyler Huffman, guitarist for Big Bad Chubba, organized the event and said 400-500 people came per night.

Goode said he had to remove some furniture to accommodate everyone.

"Everybody came in to hear their favorite bands," Goode said.

"The crowd was changing all the time."

"There were all my regular customers and a lot of people who have never been here before."

Patty Huffman attended all four nights of the show. She said the largest audience was on Thursday, the night Smoot Mahuti and Walking on Einstein played.

"But my favorite was Big Bad Chubba," she said.

"I really love their music, and it's a lot of fun watching them play."

Other performers included the Distractions, Monkey Engine, Puke Daisies, Scalp, Stale Mary, Mocha Sludge, Sodomites, Reign, Barbi Holocaust, and Blue Cheese.

Each band had a set of about 45 minutes.

Goode said everyone attending the benefit was well behaved and the club wasn't overly crowded.

"Everyone respected each other's space," he said. □

Professor to display work in Spiva Center

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Themes reflective of the Midwest and western farming regions will be featured in art work by Robert Schwieger, professor of art. The pieces are exhibited in the Spiva Center for the Arts in downtown Joplin.

The display is on the second floor of the building in the Regional Focus Gallery. Works of charcoal, acrylic, and colored pencil on paper, as well as silk-screen/monoprint/construction, comprise the approximate 25 pieces in the show.

Schwieger said he has taken advantage of a three-dimensional approach in printmaking.

"I like the idea that you can work both flat and with illusion, and also three-dimensionally if you seek to do it," he said. "And the idea of putting it together, or in other words the construction, that has always been fascinating to me."

The five colored pencil drawings in the show are part of a series titled "Prairie Tales," reflective of the Midwestern region.

"They feature autobiographical kinds of things, combined with a lot of heavy decoration," Schwieger said. "Also, they are rather playful

and yet in some places have a sort of sad reality."

"Essentially they are personal tidbits from one's own background."

A majority of the works are silk-screen/monoprint/construction and are from a series called "Dakotah."

The series includes images Schwieger brought with him from North Dakota, where he previously lived and taught.

"They're a social commentary to some extent," he said.

"And they're also reflective of some images of the northern plains and are farm related."

Schwieger said the Regional Focus Gallery is a way for local artists to display their works.

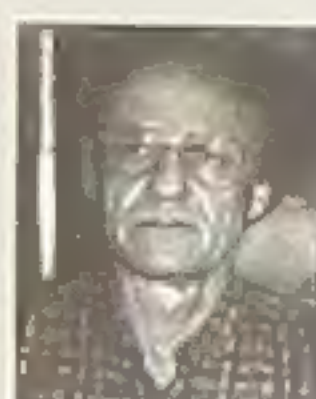
"You get a good mix of media and artists," he said. "Also it may have a certain attraction to your visitors

in that some people like to see works by local artists, as opposed to imported shows."

In addition to the Spiva exhibit, Schwieger has contributed a three-dimensional silk-screen/monoprint/construction to a traveling display. The exhibit opens next week in West Virginia and will include stops in Canada, California, Florida, and Hawaii.

The Spiva exhibit, which opened Tuesday, will run through March 29.

Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. □



Schwieger

BOOK REVIEW

White's book helps creativity

By PAUL ROBERT PALMER
BROCK PRESS

Most copies of Gil White's *Europe on 84 Cents a Day* will no doubt become well-traveled and dog-eared as their owners use them to navigate Europe and employ his advice.

"I simply plucked the '84 Cents' out of the air to drive home the point that you don't need thousands of dollars to go to Europe," explains the author. "Too many students try to measure their fun by how much money they can spend rather than budgeting and exploring the country creatively."

White's formula for reducing major expenses is simple: the traveler should possess enthusiasm, an interest in meeting the people, learn to trust people, and more importantly, be willing to return the hospitality by performing simple chores, such as, washing dishes, babysitting, milking cows or by offering gifts such as stamps, T-shirts, or cassette tapes.

This "trade-off" allows the traveler not only to reduce the costs, but more importantly, gain greater insight and understanding of the people and the country.

Europe on 84 Cents a Day is back by popular demand, revised and updated for the 1990s and is the most creative and adventurous travel book to come along in years—unlike other travel books that offer only the nuts and bolts of travel (hotel and restaurant addresses, museum opening times).

The author also presents many methods that female travelers can employ to stay safe, while still having as much fun as the guys. Among his precautions are taking advantage of university ride boards, cycling, or using companies that arrange rides for you.

"The biggest mistake you can make is to buy a Eurail pass for the entire trip. Take the trains and stay in youth hostels for the first three weeks and as you gradually gain confidence, branch off into my more creative ideas," says the author.

He recommends leaving your options open, cycle one day, hitch the next, take a train or bus, camp,

stay in vacant hotel staff rooms or with a farmer, or a university student. Some of his most useful travel tips are truly entertaining and insightful and will provide the best memories of your trip. Imagine getting rides by using "You're on the Air" (being on a radio station) method, the "New Wave-Switch-Over, the "Wrong-Sign-Right-Road" and even "Yacht-Hiking" along the French Riviera.

By covering 36 countries (Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa), the author provides information on places you might not expect to travel. He offers practical tips on what to take: money, visas, currency rates, cycling equipment, proper paperwork and airline choices.

For each country, White provides the festivals, best scenery, the must-see tourist sights, night life, history, and peculiar customs. The author says traveling can sometimes be overwhelming and by providing the "best" of the country, the student can plan the day better if he or she is pressed for time. Actually the book is two books in one, with the listing of over 3,000 youth hostels and their telephone numbers—all located on over 130 country and city maps. Indispensable are the traditional phrases in 20 languages, as well as the specific phrases for getting accommodation, food or rides.

"You may be too tired to cycle to the next town, so open the book to phrases in German which explain to the farmer you would like to work for a few hours in exchange for a bed, two meals and a chance to learn about their culture," he explains. Hebrew and Arabic terms are even included.

Europe on 84 Cents a Day fills a void in the travel market by combining budget travel tips with methods on how to get the most adventure out of your trip before you go onto the next phase of your life—your career.

With over 75 ways to cut travel costs, the tips will aid both the veteran globetrotter and the first time traveler.

Europe on 84 Cents a Day says anything, it says that your travels should only be limited by your imagination and not by your wallet.

Europe on 84 Cents a Day is available for a budget price of \$12.95. □

IN YOUR EAR

By FLOK ROGER

Gin Blossoms should apologize

'Cookie-cutter' CD rehashes sounds of previous success

In the cookie-cutter world of popular music, many acts head to the recording studio with the same philosophy—if it ain't broke, don't fix it. This must have been the mind set of Gin Blossoms during the production of their second major-label album *Congratulations I'm Sorry*.

The Arizona-based five-man band, whose first release, *New Miserable Experience*, was a multi-platinum smash with hits like "Hey, Jealousy" and "Mrs. Rita", head into 1996 summer tour season with an average sophomore effort.

The only strength I have found in Gin Blossoms is their "no frills" style of rock n' roll. This is one of those bands who is hard to put into a musical category like alternative, rock, or pop because they could really fit into any of those molds.

But in their new album, I was hoping for something a little different than the sound the band produced on *New Miserable Experience*. In the end, I did not get what I wished for.

Congratulations I'm Sorry, which was released on A&M Records, starts off on a high note with tracks one through three setting the tempo for the album.

"Day Job" the album's first track could definitely be a crowd-pleaser during a live performance with its up-beat tempo and catchy lyrics. The song, which was written by all five members of the band, stands as a true musical-link between the band's first and second albums.

Gin Blossoms don't miss a beat on its second track, "Highwire," which features some nice harmony pieces between the band's lead singer Rob Wilson and the other four members, who all are featured on back-up vocals. The only problem I



found with the song, was the shortage of lyrics. The song contains only two verses and one chorus.

Congratulations I'm Sorry peaks on its third track, "Follow You Down," which is the group's first single and video. The track, which was again written by all five members of the group, could be placed in the same page as their first hit single in 1993, "Hey, Jealousy."

But I guess if it works the first time, they might as well keep doing it.

But the worst is yet to come, as Gin Blossoms keeps hummin' to the same beat with very little change in its musical style throughout tracks 4-13, drawing my attention to auto racing highlights instead of the music. That does not happen very often.

But if you liked Gin Blossoms' first release, then you would enjoy *Congratulations I'm Sorry*, but if you want to save some cash, keep your money in your pocket and pop *New Miserable Experience* in your car stereo. It's basically the same thing. □

SENIOR RECITAL

Sharp to hit hard notes

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

For Jerry Sharp, achieving excellence on his trumpet is worth the many hours of practice.

"I'm kind of a perfectionist," said Sharp, a senior music education major, "so I like having everything perfect when I perform."

"It's kind of a closure to working up the piece of music."

Sharp's efforts will pay off at his senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 in Webster Hall auditorium.

The recital will feature works by Charlier, Goedicke, Handel, Haydn, Hindemith, and Hummel. Rebecca Wentworth, sophomore music major, will accompany on piano.

According to Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music and Sharp's private instructor, the pieces offer a challenge to the player.

"I think it will be the most difficult literature that a brass player has performed at MSSC, at least in the 10 years I've been here," Meeks said.

"He's got literature that's representative of just about every musical era, and it's all real good, top-notch trumpet literature."

Sharp, 28, who has played trumpet for 17 years, has been active in Missouri Southern's concert band, marching band, pep band, and orchestra. He said the jazz band probably offers the biggest challenge.

"The parts are harder and everybody's on an individual



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Jerry Sharp, senior music education major, will perform his senior recital at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, in the Webster Hall auditorium.

part, so you're the only one responsible for that part," Sharp said.

"A lot of times the parts are doubled with other instruments in the band," he said. "But in jazz band, you're the only one playing it."

Besides performing jazz, Sharp said he also enjoys music from other eras.

"I like a lot of the baroque music that's been written for brass probably the best," he said. "There's a pretty big dichotomy between baroque music and jazz."

After this semester, Sharp said he will fulfill his student teaching requirement in Wisconsin,

his home state, while his wife works in Minnesota.

"I'll probably teach in a high school for a few years and pick up some graduate courses," he said. "Hopefully, I'll go back and get a master's and a doctorate and teach at a college somewhere."

No matter where Sharp goes, Meeks said he will be missed in Southern.

"Being much older and married with children, he has a degree of maturity that's rare at the collegiate level," Meeks said. "And, of course, his talent just goes without saying. He's very special in that area. We can't take credit for that." □

JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

Opposing personalities face off in 'Legends'

Olliges Green makes directoral debut

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Identities clash when a producer tries to pair two seasoned actresses with opposite typecast histories in the James Kirkwood comedy, *Legends*, the latest production of Joplin Little Theatre.

Lisa Olliges Green directs the play about two former stars of the 1940s and 50s. Sylvia, played by Carolyn McGowen, has always played played the bad-girl roles, and Leatrice, played by Jo Berger, is identified with the "miss goody two shoes" characters of her career.

The play, set in New York in the 1980s, is scheduled to play at 8 p.m. March 27-30 with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on March 31 at JLT.

"They're both down and out, money-wise," Olliges Green said, "and an off, off, off-Broadway pro-

ducer wants to get them together.

"They are actually known for their rivalry," she said. "He even says in the play that people would pay good money to see them on the same stage, let alone pulling each other's hair out, which he assumes they would do."

A meeting is arranged between the actresses and producer. One of the actresses makes arrangements for the meeting to take place at the home of a friend.

She wants to give the impression that she is much better off than she actually is.

The friend's maid has made arrangements of her own, for her niece's birthday party to be held at the house.

The maid changes her plans and contacts the guests she has invited about the change "except for the Chippendale's dancer," Olliges Green said, "who does arrive and makes things quite colorful for the older ladies."

This is Olliges Green's directing debut. She recently finished per-

forming with her husband, Greg Green, in *I Do! I Do!*, which was directed by McGowen.

"She's getting to pay me back now," McGowen said. "I directed her, and now she's directing me."

"She's a very considerate director," McGowen said. "She has it all written down, how she sees it, how she thinks it should be done, then she's open for suggestions if you think it should be done differently."

McGowen said she wanted to perform in this play for several years but couldn't talk anyone into directing it.

"They said if I wanted to do the show, I could direct it," she said. "I told them I didn't want to direct it, I wanted to act in it."

Berger won a best actress award for her role in *Murder Mystery 1940*, a musical murder mystery farce performed at JLT last year.

"I think this is the biggest part I've ever had in a show," she said. "I'm having a great time with it; it's a lot of fun."

"There's a great fight scene,"

McGowen said. "Some physical comedy the men usually get to do, we women get to do in this play. Lisa has a very democratic style of directing; everyone gets to share their input."

Green and McGowen said they believed the Chippendale's dancer and some of the language in *Legends* made the show more suitable for mature audiences than for children.

"These two women hate each other," Olliges Green said. "They do tend to get down and dirty."

Other actors in *Legends* include Parris Smith, sophomore communications major at Missouri Southern, as the Chippendale's dancer; Greg Green, as Martin Klenner, the producer; Bridget Gibson, as Aretha; and Dan Weaver, as the police officer called in to break up the fight between the two actresses.

Admission is \$5 for the general public, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

For more information, persons may call 623-3638. □

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Becker's authentic tale illustrates love, death

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

With the authenticity and attention to detail he gives his work, Jacques Becker wrings a response from the audience.

The director of the award-winning film *Casque D'or* (*Golden Marie*) considered this 1952 film to be his greatest masterpiece. This French film will be the next undertaking of the International Film Festival.

Casque D'or is the tragic story of a couple who fall in love and enjoy a brief affair together but are separated when Manda kills Marie's escort and is executed after admitting his guilt to police.

The film is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

The story line that seems to be average is improved tenfold by the research that went into the making of the movie, said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chemistry and director of Missouri Southern's film society.

"Most people will say, 'So what is new about this film?' What's new is the way it is extremely well done," Kash said.

The movie, set in turn of the century Paris, was reconstructed from police files of that time and is based on fact. The director researched cases until he found the one that stood out.

"The film is authentic and the characters are well chosen, and that's what makes it a great film," Kash said.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. □

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Boys & Girls Club hosts annual soccer games

Through the efforts of the Joplin Boys and Girls Club, children have the opportunity to experience team sports.

The annual soccer program for children ages 4 to 18 is scheduled to begin March 25.

Paula Shirley, executive assistant for the Joplin Boys and Girls Club, said 520 children registered for the program last fall.

"There's a \$35 registration fee, and they play eight games at Dover Hill's nine soccer fields," she said. "The coaches are volunteers, mostly parents of the children who play on the teams."

The registration deadline has been extended through Thursday. Shirley said the program helps children improve their motor skills and increases their love for the sport.

"It is great exercise to start with, it lets them participate in team sports from the age of 4, and hopefully will cause them to want to compete in sports in high school," she said. "It gives them the opportunity to start at ground level."

"Since the Boys and Girls Club's primary focus is at-risk kids, this is a good athletic outlet that could be a stepping stone for them to achieve college scholarships in the sport," she said.

Historical Society plans Joplin's birthday party

In honor of Joplin's birthday, the Joplin Historical Society is planning a celebration for Sunday, March 24 at the Dorothea B. Hoover Museum at Schifferdecker Park.

Marvin VanGilder, historian, is expected to be autographing his new book, *Jasper County, The first 200 years*.

According to Diane Humphrey, education director for the JHS, quilt booths and demonstration tables will be set up and items will be available for purchase.

Humphrey said Joplin's actual birthday is March 23.

"Joplin became a city March 23, 1873, but we celebrate it on the Sunday closest to that day," she said. "There will be birthday cake and punch for all those who attend," she said.

St. John's to offer adult, child CPR classes

Reservations are now being taken for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

The infant, child, and pediatric CPR class will be held from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday in the Mercy Conference Center at St. John's.

Participants will learn how to perform CPR on infants and children, and how to save a choking victim who is conscious or unconscious.

The \$15 charge for attending the class will include material provided during the course.

An adult CPR class will also be open to the public from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 4, also in the Mercy Conference Center.

The cost of the course is \$15 including materials; however, if taking both adult and infant/child CPR classes, the rate is \$25.

Due to limited class size, reservations are required. Those interested in signing up for the course may contact St. John's Regional Health Services information hotline at 625-2000 in Joplin or 1-800-638-7081 outside Joplin.

Joplin Family Y to begin family softball leagues

With the focus on a family-oriented recreational softball league, The Joplin Family Y is organizing a league for adult men's, women's, and/or coed softball for the spring.

Interested parties may contact Kevin Welch at 623-4597.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Prosecutor teaches Southern law class

Peers regard Dally as 'uniquely qualified'

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In addition to being prosecuting attorney for Jasper County, David Dally also teaches in Missouri Southern's criminal justice department.

Dally said he teaches a Criminal Law class in the Anderson Justice Center on Wednesday nights.

The 1966 graduate of Carthage High School received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1970 and his juris doctorate degree in 1973, both at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I've been in practice in this area since November 1973," he said.

Dally's private law practice is in Carthage, but he said he works mostly out of the prose-

cutor's offices both in Carthage and Joplin.

"I became assistant prosecutor part-time in 1975 and have been prosecutor since January 1987," he said.

He said he has no plans to further his position in the immediate future.

"I have no real plans as to where else I want to go at this time," Dally said.

The responsibilities of a prosecutor, according to Dally, are many.

"We prosecute crimes from speeding on the interstate to capital murder cases," he said. "In 1995 we filed 1,768 felony cases, 2,927 misdemeanor cases, and 5,000 traffic cases. That adds up to a little over 10,000 individual cases in Jasper County."

"It's the misdemeanors and the felonies that take up most of the time," Dally said.

According to Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department, Dally is a valuable asset to the justice center.

"David Dally is an excellent instructor," Wolf said. "We are real pleased to have him with us."

Wolf said Dally brings more than just textbook knowledge to the class he teaches.

"You get a good sense of accomplishment when you finish up a case and get the results you wanted."

David Dally
Prosecuting attorney



"Aside from bringing academics, he brings a world of experience in the criminal justice area that adds a whole new dynamic for the students," he said. "He deals with police officers on day-to-day issues that arise in class and the courtroom as well."

Dally said the difficult part of prosecuting is making life-altering decisions.

"The hardest thing is the decision-making process," he said. "You have to make hard decisions sometimes that really affect people's lives."

Although the life of a prosecuting attorney is a busy one, Dally said he thoroughly enjoys it.

"I have always enjoyed the prosecuting business," he said. "You get a good sense of accomplishment when you finish up a case and get the results you wanted."

Wolf said Dally's experience as prosecuting attorney makes him a better classroom instructor.

"He is very uniquely qualified to be teaching in this area," Wolf said.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Local coven claims violation of 1st amendment rights

Priestess believes misconceptions yield intolerance

By NELSON WEBB
STAFF WRITER

The battle for religious freedom was fought by our founding fathers, but some people in Joplin believe those rights are being denied to them.

Lilith Penderwin, high priestess of Woodland Coven, a local pagan organization, contests that she and her group are being denied the right to practice their religion.

"Everyone thinks we are satanists," Penderwin said. "Satan is purely a Christian invention, and we are not Christian, so how can we worship something we don't even believe in?"

"Still, I think this misconception of our beliefs is what causes this type of discrimination."

The questionable discriminatory act involves the Joplin City Council's 1994 denial of Penderwin's request to open a shop in Joplin. The shop would deal in occult items and provide psychic readings.

"To people outside our belief system, this is a joke," Penderwin said. "But to us, this is our whole life. I wonder how Christians would feel if they were told they could no longer practice their faith."

"Those people on the Council asked me if we were going to sacrifice babies and small animals," Penderwin said. "It's amazing to me, in this so-called, enlightened day and age, that people can be so ignorant."

For many people, the words "witchcraft" and the "occult"

have negative connotations. But for Penderwin and some 300 other people in the Joplin area, it is the religion of choice.

In 1604, King James I passed the Witchcraft Act, allowing those who were suspected of being witches to be executed for crimes against God and the Church.

"We were hunted like animals and murdered in ways that are best not spoken of in polite circles," Penderwin said. "Now, many of us are afraid it is going to start up all over again."

Since the confrontation with the City Council in August 1994, Penderwin said she has received several death threats, including some that were "very well thought out."

"We were very clear in our discussion with her (Penderwin) on this matter," city attorney Chuck Brown said.

"We told her she could practice anything she wanted, including her religion, as long as it was lawful and didn't endanger anyone."

"We don't tell people how they can or cannot worship."

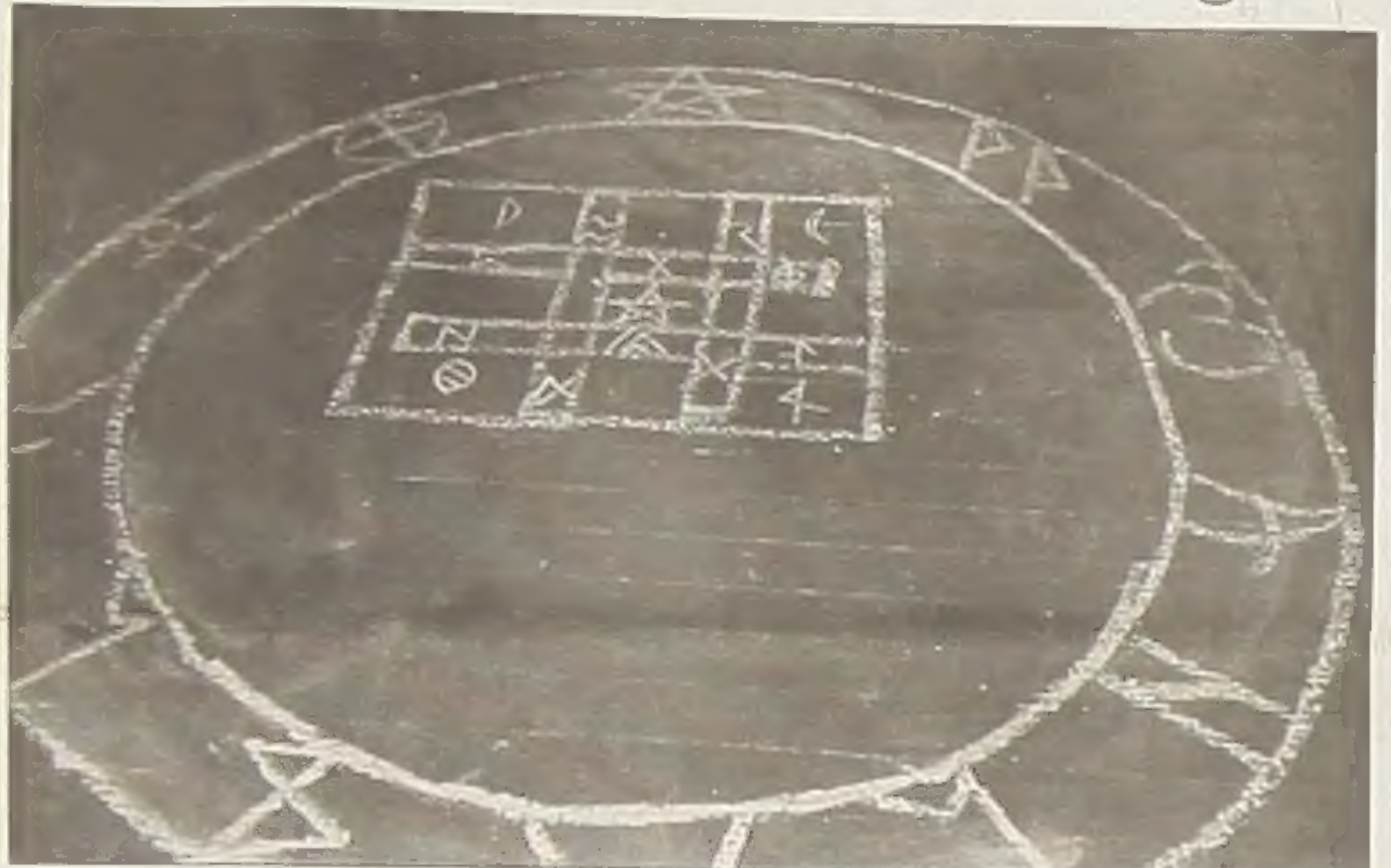
The city of Joplin's assurances do little to comfort some people in the pagan community. One young man agreed to speak if he was not identified by his real name.

"I am constantly looking over my shoulder," he said. "My whole life is wrapped up in my belief, and it is damn near impossible for me to express it."

"I've never hurt anyone, and I don't think it's fair."

As for Penderwin's proposed place of business, she said the City Council approved it as long as she carried a disclaimer noting that all items and readings are for entertainment purposes only.

Brown said he has no knowledge of any such ruling.



NELSON WEBB/The Chart

A magic circle with a Sumerian Mandala of Calling in the center (above) and altar (right) are used in typical Pagan religious rituals. Woodland Coven is claiming lack of freedom to worship the way it chooses. Members approached the Joplin City Council on the matter in 1994 where Lilith Penderwin, High Priestess, proposed opening an occult shop.



NELSON WEBB/The Chart

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

Young seeks changes, Joplin improvements

Jim Young, City Council candidate, holds Joplin concerns highest on his priority list.

If elected to the Council, Young said he has a few proposals to bring up on the floor.

"First, one thing I would like to implement in the area of handicapped parking is that pregnant women and people with small children could park there as well. For example, they could have a 'Baby on Board' sign in the window," he said.

Young also hopes to require a

moment of silence in place of the former prayer that started each Council meeting.

"I would like a moment of silence before we start the meeting," he said.

Young, 39, graduated from Missouri Southern in 1985 with a degree in elementary education. He obtained a degree in personnel management from the University of Kansas in 1979, a master's degree in counseling at the Luther Rice Seminary in 1992, and his Bible diploma at Christ Unlimited Bible Institute in Kansas City.

He has also served as a volunteer in various organizations in the community, including the YMCA, the Boys Club, and the Ozark Little League.



Young

HUDSON: Funds to benefit Joplin students

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benefit R-8 students in many ways.

Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students can attend school together for three years in the same building, instead of changing schools twice in four years, developing a greater sense of identity and belonging in their school.

Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students will benefit from working in small school communities with their own team of core subject teachers, allowing students to develop a greater sense of identity and belonging and allowing teachers to work closely together in teams to meet their individual student's needs.

Ninth graders will have daily access to high school

courses and facilities, including a technology-rich library, two updated computer labs, advanced math and science classes, and course offerings not available to them now.

Ninth graders will have the opportunity to participate on-campus in high school extracurricular organizations and activities, such as student council, sports, newspaper, and yearbook, to name only a few.

All students in Joplin High School will benefit from improved building facilities, including air-conditioning throughout the school.

Other schools will be air conditioned as extensively as possible with funds from the bond issue, making it possible to air condition the remaining schools more quickly as district finances allow.

All-day kindergarten classes will be made available for children whose parents wish for them to attend.

In the next few weeks, the Joplin R-8 will be providing to the public as much information as possible about the features and the financing of the four-part plan and the two proposed school constructions.

Informational handouts, new school floor plans, and architect renderings of the proposed building constructions are available now at the Roi S. Wood Administration Center, 1717 E. 15th St.

Makin' Dough



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I was acquainted with what was happening in the area of fund raising, and of course I knew about the pizza business, so it appeared to me to be a natural combination.



Kevin Parker
Owner,
Pizza Works
Fundraising

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Grad turns venture into profits

By DAN SHACKELFORD
CHART REPORTER

Hard work, good friends, and a drive to succeed make up the formula that turned a fledgling business venture into a profitable return for Joplin native Kevin Parker.

Parker, who graduated from Missouri Southern in December 1995 with a degree in marketing, has accomplished what many only dream about. He operates a one-man promotional business which in its third year is seeing a 30 percent increase in sales and revenue.

"I started in a partnership with a friend of mine making pizzas for delivery and carry-out in Webb City in 1991," Parker said. "At the time, Webb City did not have any [pizza] delivery services for its community or for the surrounding area. We saw the need, and since I had had some experience in the pizza business working at Pizza by Stout, we decided we could fill that niche."

After working his delivery business, Pizza Out, for a year he sold out to his partner to return to Missouri Southern to pursue studies in marketing and management.

"It was at that time that I decided to start Pizza Works Fundraising," he said.

"I needed something with which to support myself while attending Southern, and I was acquainted with what was happening in the area of fund raising, and of course I knew about the pizza business, so it appeared to me to be a natural combination."

Parker started Pizza Works Fundraising in December 1992, and it has been going strong ever since.

Parker did not just jump into his venture, but began by talking to everyone he knew who had any knowledge of pizza, fund raising, financing, business, or marketing.

"The smartest thing I did was to go to the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Southern," he said. "I presented my idea to them and the layout of my plan. They evaluated it and the process began."

"They really put me to work," he said. "I had to outline and justify every detail of what I wanted to do. I had to verify the need for my proposed business, construct a funding budget, examine marketing potential, and check and recheck my information."

Parker says he's never been through a more thorough, professional process than the program at the SBDC.

"I had left Southern to start my first business, and I quickly learned I needed much more knowledge of business and marketing even though Pizza Out had been a moderate success," he said. "So, I did what I should have done in the first place. I returned to school and this time I stayed."

That decision, Parker says, "opened the door" to his entrepreneurship.

"I attended a 'rush' meeting at one of the fraternities

on campus," he said. "There was a gentleman there presenting the idea of a pizza sales fund-raiser for the group, and I said to myself, 'This is what I've been looking for. I know the pizza business and I know I can do this. With my background, it was a natural choice.'"

Listening carefully to what the man had to say, Parker realized he could do this without taking on hours and hours of time, leaving him to maintain a store, and still have the possibility of a good income.

"I made an agreement with the fraternity to do their fund-raising," Parker said. "It was such a success that another campus group contacted me, and I did one for them. From then, I started calling organizations on the telephone and saying this is what I do. I set up fund-raisers. I made up fact sheets and started sending them out, and it just took off. It has been growing and growing at a rate of about 30 percent each year."

Parker credits Bernie Johnson, associate professor of business, as being a real motivator for him. Parker has had him for several classes and believes that he has taught him a great deal.

"Kevin is a student who is 'other directed,'" Johnson said. "When he came to Southern he had a definite purpose for being here. He didn't come here to take classes for a grade but to get information which he could apply to his business."

Parker said what he learned at Southern helped him see and evaluate the potential of fund raising, recognize who his market would be, and what to do to reach that market.

"I look at non-profit groups almost entirely," he said. "This is because they are the ones most interested and most in need of what I do. They offer many advantages to customers or clients in that they don't have to charge a lot on their fund-raising products."

"They offer the largest profit margin, too. They do the work, sell the product, take the orders, deliver the pizzas, and that eliminates almost all of the overhead costs."

Parker said he has followed what he has learned by experience and augmented it with what he learned in Southern's classrooms.

"I have a very basic formula," he said. "I give the customer the highest possible quality of product for the least possible cost. Quality, service, and low cost; it may be an old concept, but it is successful for me."

Parker graduated from Southern in December and has plunged himself into Pizza Works Fundraising full-time. He hopes to expand the business and reach a larger portion of the available market. His long-term goal is to offer franchises of his business.

"I'm going to give my business a good, strong year, at least," he said. "I'm going to give it all I have and see just how far I can go with it. I'm going to add new products, expand my market, and go for the success I know is out there." □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

As a fund-raiser for a senior trip, Kevin Parker (right) helps Patrick Miller (left), a senior at Messenger College, spread pizza sauce along the crust on Feb. 24. Parker owns Pizza Works Fundraising in Webb City.

SBDC dedicates efforts to dreams

Southern graduate finds 'strong asset' in center's efforts

By DAN SHACKELFORD
CHART REPORTER

Many great ideas die in the heart of their inventor simply because inventors do not know how to proceed or where to find the backing they need.

The Missouri Small Business Development Center, located at Missouri Southern, is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of these dreams.

Kevin Parker, a December 1995 Southern graduate and a successful entrepreneur, said, "The Small Business Development Center at Southern was one of the greatest assets I had in starting my fund-raising business. They helped me get my plans and operations together and showed me how to get financing. I wouldn't be where I am today without their help."

The center program is a comprehensive business development organization whose mission is to contribute to the economic growth of Missouri's small business sector, said Jim Krudwig, director of the center.

"As our brochure says, 'the program is designed to enhance the success of new and existing businesses resulting in job creation, and retention, improved management, and profitability.'"

The SBDC on Southern's campus is part of a statewide program of support for the business community, especially small businesses. The center is one of 12 regional centers scattered throughout Missouri. The Missouri network consists of the regional centers, two special service centers, and 17 university extension business and industry specialists.

"Congress created the Small Business Administration in 1980 and the Missouri program followed in 1982," Krudwig said. "The center at Southern was established in April 1987 and has served around 1,800 clients since that time."

The SBDC is comprised of a network of programs, each working to meet specific needs within the business environment. Included in the network are the SBDC, the Management Development Institute, the Business and Technology Training and Quality Resource Center, the Institute for Procurement Assistance, and the Mid-American Manufacturing Technology Center.

"The center offers a wide range of publications, presentations, college and community services, counsel-

ing workshops, and training institutes to our clients," Krudwig said. "We can work with everyone from the new, small business to large corporate manufacturers."

Krudwig says the SBDC presented 67 workshops in 1995 offering everything from pre-business training to import/export seminars, Microsoft and Internet classes, and workshops in quality management. "But the focus is the Small Business Development Center. Just that, the enhancement of small business," he said. "We sign a confidential agreement with our client and provide one-on-one assistance to each of them."

Part of the services provided these clients includes counseling in financing, marketing assistance, referrals to the Small Business Administration, networking with business and management experts in the immediate area, plus direct planning and problem solving assistance through Southern's school of business.

"Each year we refer clients to the school of business which establishes a student project team to help that client with management and operational problems," Krudwig said.

"This program is unique and most beneficial. There are usually five or six of these projects each semester and they often are the most successful of our client dealings." □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Kevin Parker (left), a 1995 Missouri Southern graduate, and David Dalton (center), a senior at Messenger College in Joplin, shrink wrap pizzas after they have been prepared during a Messenger College fund-raiser Feb. 24.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern wins MIAA tourney

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

BOLIVAR, Mo.—For the second time in three years, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions walked away with the MIAA tournament championship.

Melissa Grider led the way with 18 points, including 18 in the first half, as Southern beat the Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats 68-61 Friday night in Bolivar. But it was junior guard Nicole Heinz who came up big in the last 45 seconds.

Heinz, who finished with 10 points, made both ends of a one-and-one to give Southern a four-point lead. She then stole the ball from SBU's Jan Robins with 33 seconds left, drew a foul, and iced the game.

"I was totally focused," Heinz said. "I just stuck my hand out and she threw it (the ball) to me."

With the win, Missouri Southern (23-5) became the lowest-seeded team (sixth) ever to win the MIAA women's tournament. It was also the seventh straight win for Missouri Southern over SBU.

For Grider, who was announced the MIAA's most valuable player Tuesday, playing on the road in her hometown of Bolivar wasn't

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MIAA Most Valuable Player

Melissa Grider, Mo. Southern

MIAA Coach of the Year

Carrie Kaifes, Mo. Southern



ANDY SWIFT/The Chart

Junior guard Nicole Heinz sets the offense during Southern's 68-61 victory over Southwest Baptist. Heinz, who scored 10 points in the game, made a key steal from SBU's Jan Robins with 33 seconds left in the game.

such a disadvantage.

"I felt really comfortable," said Grider, who spent much of her youth shooting jumpers at Davison Fieldhouse. "I've probably spent more time shooting in this gym than any of [SBU's players]."

Entering the contest, both teams were scorching hot having won 13 of their last 13 games. In fact, the only game SBU had lost since Jan. 17 was 81-68 at Southern.

Carrie Kaifes, Lady Lion head coach, said she didn't let her team overlook the Lady Bearcats.

"Their crowd was amazing," Kaifes said. "They came back on us, but the girls never lost their

heads. We kept our composure."

The Lady Bearcats jumped out to an early 8-2 lead, but Grider answered with a 3-point bomb, a layup, and another bomb to tie the game at 11.

SBU held a four-point lead late in the first half, but Grider answered again, scoring Missouri Southern's final seven points of the half. But SBU took a one-point lead, 27-26, into the break after senior Danielle Box scored inside with three seconds remaining.

Box finished with 18 points to lead the Lady Bearcats.

"They were making plays, but I knew we could make better plays," Grider said. "We knew they had

some girls that could shoot."

Early in the second half, Southern pounded the ball inside center Marie Scott. Scott scored seven of the Lady Lions' first 10 points of the half and finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"We have a lot of weapons," Kaifes said. "Our seniors played like seniors should. And [juniors] Marie [Scott] and Nicole [Heinz] are great talents."

One senior who stepped up in the second half was April Bailey. In the MIAA semifinal game against Missouri Western, Bailey buried six three-point shots. The forward was nearly as sharp in the second

half Friday, hitting back-to-back bombs with just over 10 minutes left to give the Lady Lions a 52-39 lead.

SBU's head coach, Jim Middleton, said his team was, at times, baffled by the Lady Lions.

"They did a great job opening the second half," Middleton said. "We had talked about stopping Grider at halftime, but they just pounded it inside to Scott, which isn't so bad until Bailey steps out and starts hitting 3s."

Bailey's late-season surge as a three-point threat hasn't been a surprise to Kaifes.

"She can shoot 3s. She hits them all the time in practice," Kaifes said. □

Sports SCOPE

Life is good here at the sports desk

Life has been good, of late. First and foremost, I've been around to watch the Lady Lions advance to the NCAA Division II South Central Regional.

Head coach Carrie Kaifes and her team stormed through the conference tournament beating Missouri-Rolla, Missouri Western, and finally Southwest Baptist to capture the tournament championship.



Nick Parker
Sports Editor

Southern's semifinal game against Missouri

Western Feb. 28 was one of the most exciting games I've seen at the College.

The Lady Lions sank 13 three-point shots that evening in an 82-62 rout of the Lady Griffons. Six of the 13 Lady Lion treys came from starting guard April Bailey.

The team traveled to Bolivar two days later and downed SBU 68-61, capturing the MIAA post-season crown.

The Lady Lions received a No. 2 regional ranking for their performances of late and are riding a 10-game winning streak. Southern now stands 23-5.

Two additional schools from our conference, Southwest Baptist and Missouri-Rolla, were given regional bids. Southern is scheduled to play the winner of the West Texas A&M/Southwest Baptist game.

The Lady Lions are most likely hoping to face Southwest Baptist for the third time this season. Southern has beaten the Lady Bearcats in their last seven meetings since February 1992.

West Texas has proven it is a team to be reckoned with, knocking off then-No. 1 Abilene Christian University in the final game of the regular season. ACU redeemed itself, however, with an 82-60 win in the Lone Star Conference post-season tournament.

Some of the Lady Lions' performances this season were rewarded earlier in the week by the conference.

Senior guard Melissa Grider was named the MIAA's most valuable player and was one of two receiving a unanimous selection to the all-conference first team.

The other receiving the honor was junior center Marie Scott.

Senior guard Sandra Cunningham received all-conference honorable mention.

Kaifes was selected as the MIAA coach of the year.

Special note to Sallie Beard, women's athletic director: please rebire Kaifes.

I will admit, at the beginning of the season I had my doubts about whether she was the right choice for the job.

Kaifes was quick to prove all doubters wrong.

She and the Lady Lions jumped out to 10 straight victories to start the season. Now Kaifes is taking Southern to Abilene with a No. 2 seed and a 23-5 record, and all should be more than pleased with her performance as head coach. □

G. Nick Parker

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Road to national tournament goes through Abilene

Southern to play winner of Southwest Baptist-West Texas match-up

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Women's basketball coach Carrie Kaifes and her Missouri Southern Lady Lions flew out of Springfield Wednesday with one goal in mind—a trip to the national tournament.

Southern (23-5) earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Division II South Central Regional with a 68-61 win in the MIAA championship game Friday at Southwest Baptist University.

The winners of the eight regions, each hosting six teams, will advance to the "Elite Eight" March 20-23 at a campus site.

Southern is seeded No. 2 in the South Central Region behind host Abilene Christian University (27-1).

"It was important to get the No. 2 seed so that we don't have to play three games in a

row," Kaifes said. "Don't get me wrong. You have to win, but it's a big plus for us not to have to play three games in a row."

On Thursday, SBU (21-8) will take on West Texas A&M (26-2). Southern will see the winner of that game Friday at 6 p.m. Southern's win last week was the Lady Lions' seventh straight win over SBU, but Kaifes said the past is just that—the past.

"It's tournament time so there's no advantage," she said. "I think we're at that level [to win the tournament]. We are a very good team. Everyone has to do their job and keep blocking out and doing the great defensive job they've been doing."

In the other game Thursday, fourth-seeded University of Missouri-Rolla (21-6) takes on Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champion University of Nebraska-Kearney (25-4). The winner has the unfortunate task of trying to beat ACU, which was the top-ranked team in the nation until losing the final game of the season to West Texas A&M. ACU, however, avenged its only loss of the season by thumping West Texas A&M 82-60 in the Lone Star Conference tournament finale.

The Lady Lions were beaten by ACU twice last season, and according to Kaifes, the



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

nationally second-ranked team lost just one player.

"We have to get that far first of all," she said. "The girls don't like to lose. We're on the road, so it doesn't matter. We're going down on Wednesday, and we have two days to rest up, so there's really no home-court

advantage [as far as fatigue]."

Kaifes said she didn't want the Lady Lions to worry too much about ACU because Southern has to win the semifinal game first. She said her team would approach the tournament like it approached the season—one game at a time. □

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

Date, Time, and Place

Saturday Softball

•Orr Food/Lady Lion Classic, TBA.

Baseball

•Larry Hickey Classic, at Joe Becker Stadium, TBA.

Tennis

•Lady Lions at Drury College, 1 p.m.

Wednesday Softball

•Lady Lions at Southwest Baptist, 3 p.m.

Thursday Tennis

•Lady Lions at Pittsburg State Univ. Invitational.

Baseball

MIAA Lion Roster

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Pos	Yr	Ht	Wt	Yr
Bobby Breckel	ss	6-3	185	So.
Stephen Crane	of	5-9	160	So.
Bryce Darnell	c	6-3	200	Sr.
Brandon Eggleston	1b	6-3	200	So.
John Fizer	p	6-1	180	Sr.
R.J. Ford	of	6-2	188	So.
Chris Gold	1b	6-3	225	So.
Zach Harpole	2b	5-11	170	Sr.
Kirk Harniman	p	6-3	180	Sr.
Bill Heine	p	6-3	177	Jr.
Andy Hill	p	6-0	175	Sr.
Dana Morris	p	6-1	175	So.
Matt Nelson	1b/c	6-5	200	Sr.
Joe Thiel	ss	5-9	170	Sr.
Oswayne Walters	pitch	6-2	195	Sr.
Brad Ward	c	6-0	205	So.

OTHERS RETURNING

Billy Buckley (red shirt)	2b	5-8	160	Fr.
James Kinder	p	6-3	185	So.
Jon Henry	p	6-3	196	Fr.
Marcus Patton	p	5-10	180	So.

NEWCOMERS

Andrew Buchanan	of	Fr.
Flint Daniel	3b	Fr.
Justin Dardess	p	Fr.
Jason Hane	p	So.
Byron Jones	of	Jr.
Brian Kuhn	of	Fr.
Karl Long	p	Fr.
Travis McGrunder	p	Fr.
Andy Poliba	of	Fr.
Chris Raffen	pitch	Fr.

MIAA 1996 schedule

•Feb. 3, at Univ. of Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m.
•Feb. 4, at Oral Roberts Univ., 2 p.m.
•Feb. 6, at Univ. of Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
•Feb. 17, at Northeastern (Okla.) State Univ. (DH), 1 p.m.
•March 1, at Washburn Univ. (DH), 2 p.m.
•March 2, at Central Missouri (DH), 1 p.m.
•March 6, at Northwest Missouri (DH), 7 p.m.
•March 9-16, Larry Hickey Classic, TBA.
•March 17-23, Muri Miller Classic, TBA.
•March 23, at Missouri-St. Louis (DH), 1 p.m.
•March 24, at Missouri-St. Louis (DH), 1 p.m.
•March 25-27, Leroy Wilson Classic, TBA.
•March 30, vs. Missouri-Rolla (DH), 2 p.m.
•March 31, vs. Missouri-Rolla (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 3, at Southwest Baptist (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 6, at Southwest Baptist (DH), noon.
•April 8, at Northwest Missouri (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 10, at Missouri Western (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 13, vs. Lincoln Univ. (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 16, vs. Lincoln Univ. (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 16, at Univ. of Arkansas, 7 p.m.
•April 17, at Emporia State (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 18, at Pittsburg State, 3 p.m.
•April 20, at Pittsburg State (DH), 1 p.m.
•April 21, at Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.
•April 26-28, MIAA Championships, TBA.
•May 3, at Univ. of Oklahoma, 1 p.m.
•May 5, at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.
•May 6, at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m.
•May 15-19, NCAA Division II Regional Championships, TBA.
•May 25-June 1, NCAA Division II Championships, Montgomery, Ala., TBA.

Softball

MIAA Lady Lion Roster

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Pos	Yr	Hometown
Ginger Daniel	c	St. Broken Arrow, Okla.
Misty Deaton	of	St. Wyandotte, Okla.
Jennifer Fairo	c	St. Billings, Mo.
Melissa Grider	of	St. Bolivar, Mo.
Shari Harber	2b	St. Oklahe, Kan.
Jennifer Jernigan	2b	St. Blue Springs, Mo.
Amber Peterson	of	St. Silcox Springs, Ark.
Holly Tranham	p	St. Morrisville, Mo.
Kim Wilson	of	St. Sandy, Utah
Julie Finley	of	St. Broken Arrow, Okla.

NEWCOMERS

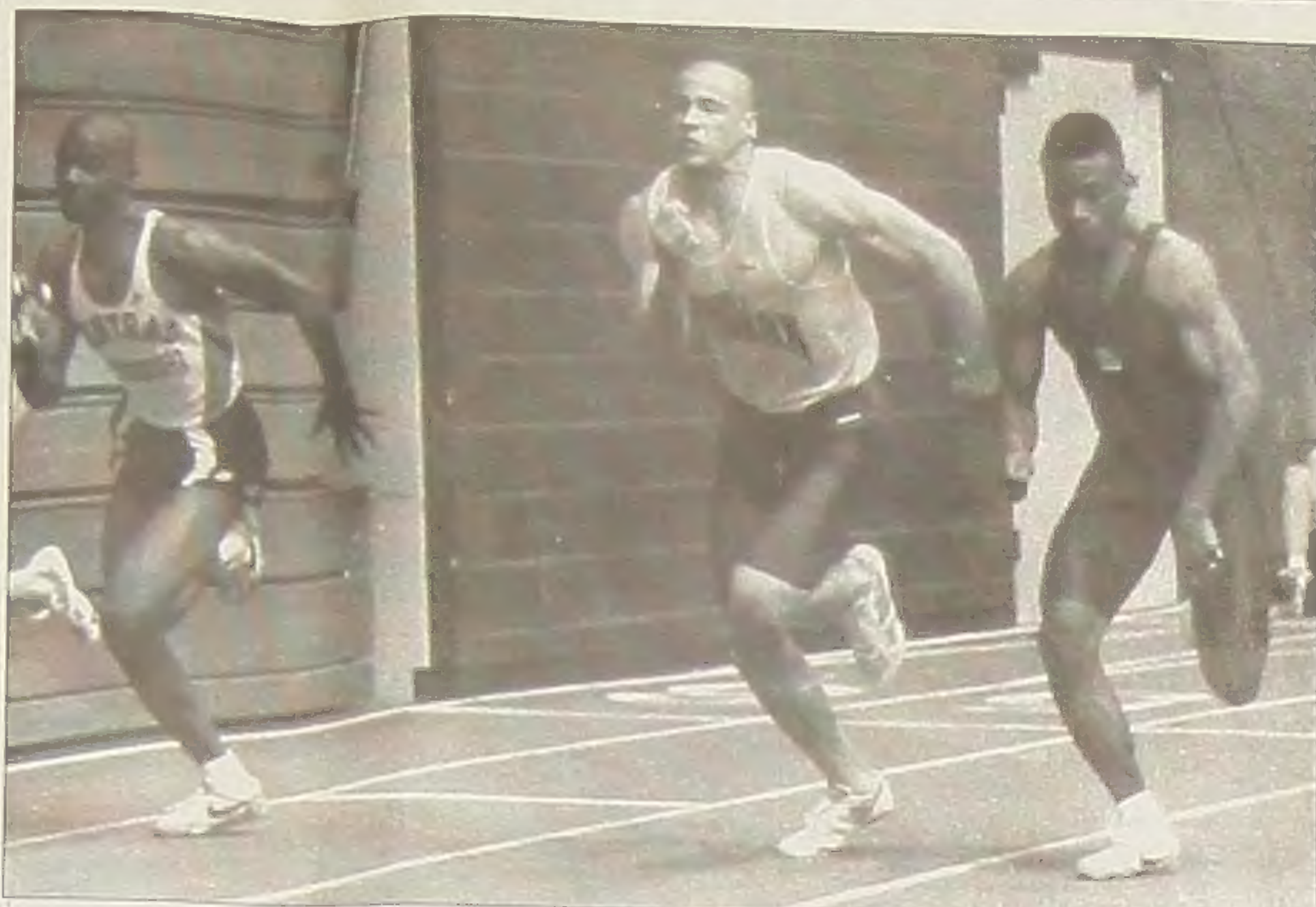
Pos	Yr	Hometown
Pat Brewer	ss	Fr. Baxter Springs, Kan.
Wendy Deaton	of	St. Wyandotte, Okla.
Tieri Mathis	1b	Fr. Olathe, Kan.
Jane Roberts	p	St. Sulphur, Mo.

LETTERMEN LOST

Pos	Yr	Hometown
April Buczek	ss	Paytown, Mo.
Andrea Clark	p	Pineville, Ill.
Shelly Lundin	1b	Carl Junction, Mo.
Shauna Seward	c	Webb City, Mo.
Kristi Thomas	ut	Nevada, Mo.

I N D O O R C H A M P I O N S H I P S

Junior Michelle Helmerman broke records this spring in the weight throw.



Junior James Thrash (center) looks toward the finish line during the 200-meter event at the MIAA Indoor Championships. Thrash finished in sixth place. The Lions' and Lady Lions' outdoor season begins Wednesday, March 14, at Pittsburg State University.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Despite size, Southern sprints into fifth place

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

After leaving for Central Missouri State with one of the smallest track teams in the MIAA and coming back with fifth place overall, one might think men's track coach Tom Rutledge would be pleased.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I'm always disappointed when we don't win. But we'll just have to reload our bullets and get ready to fire them during the outdoor season."

Rutledge said he is proud of the team.

"With the numbers we have, we

should have been way down at the bottom," he said. "But we are competitive in every event we enter. It's just that those [teams] who win are the ones who can put three and four people in a single event. We can't do that."

James Thrash, nursing an injured foot, was still able to take sixth in the 200-meter event. Thrash, though, was not at all pleased with his performance.

"It makes me mad when I know I can do better," he said. "And it is very frustrating to realize it's an injury that's holding me back. I did my best, under the circumstances, but I'm ready to be well again."

Rutledge sympathizes with Thrash's feelings.

"I know the pain James is in, and I wish we could just sit him down for about a month and rest him," he said. "We can't, though. I told the guys going into this it would be two days of total hell, and it was."

"But especially for James," Rutledge said. "I was so proud of him, though. When it was time to dance, he danced. I know he is not happy with his performance, but if he continues his level of effort, he'll do great things for us."

Rutledge also said he is proud of Dusty Franks, whom he named freshman of the meet.

"Dusty came up here, and I really think he blew himself away," Rutledge said. "I've been trying to tell him he had some ability, and maybe now he will realize it."

"He had the race of his life when he ran the 200 meters. For a freshman to take sixth in the conference, that's great," he said.

"Then he comes back to anchor the two-mile relay. He makes up a huge lead to come within a stride of taking fourth, which would have given us fourth as a team. I can only see great things for him."

Franks said he was surprised by the way he ran.

"I've done the training," Franks

said, "but I'm just a freshman. I was really pleased with the way I did, though. This is going to be a huge confidence boost going into the outdoor season."

Rutledge also said that while things didn't go exactly as he had hoped, he did see several things that excited him.

"We've got Jason Zurba, who is going to be great," he said. "He's rusty, but give him about four weeks and he'll work out the rust. The scary thing is, even rusty he's placing fourth in the 55-meter dash."

Zurba said he likes the way things look.

"I think I had an adequate perfor-

mance on only two weeks of training," he said. "I think this points to a very positive season, and that excites me. I'm really looking forward to the outdoor season."

Rutledge said he is also excited about his throwers.

"None of our throwers placed," he said. "But they all came to the conference meet and set personal records. If they can keep doing that, they will start placing."

Junior thrower, Lee Heinenikson, is looking forward to what lies ahead.

"Being here has shown me what I need to improve on," he said. "So now I know what to do, and I am ready to be more competitive." □

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Freshmen offer high expectations

Mixed results cause 'mixed feelings' for Coach Vavra

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

After placing sixth at the MIAA Indoor Conference Championships, Patty Vavra, women's track coach, was left with "mixed feelings."

"I really don't know how I feel right now," she said. "We had some disappointments, but then we had some girls really come through when they had to."

One of those who came through was Sonia Blacketer.

"Sonia had a great race," said Vavra, "especially for a freshman. She came out and took control of the race. We've really been working on that, and it was great to see her do it."

"Sonia is such a hard worker, and she is never happy unless she ends a race in first. She was four seconds shy of a provisional (the minimum qualifying time for the NCAA Division II national meet) in the 5000 meter, placed third, and finished the race apologizing to me over and over for not winning it. You gotta love that."

Vavra also said that Rhonda Cooper, senior education major, came through when times were tough.

"Rhonda lost a very disappointing long jump competition," Vavra said. "But she was able to come back and to step it up in the mile relay."

It really encourages me when I see our seniors step it up in the face of adversity like that."

Cooper said she was pleased with her performance.

"The long jump bothered me," Cooper said, "but I knew I had to step it up in the relay, so I did. I was really pleased with the way the one-mile ended up."

In a day filled with excitement, the women's one-mile relay became the race of the day and Angie Shea

the runner of the day. Southern was running in last place, and it looked as though that might be where they would finish, when Shea took the baton to begin the third leg. Shea then flew past three runners to take the fourth place position, allowing Southern to finish there.

"Angie can run," said Vavra, "and I knew that. The way she ran in the relay surprised me a little, but I'll take surprises like that."

Shea, freshman undecided major, said she liked how things were going so far.

"I really feel good about where I am right now," she said.

"Everybody has seen what I can do, and I can only improve on that. The way I've run today really makes me feel good about the outdoor season."

Vavra said Heather Hoyle, freshman biology major, is another one to watch.

"Heather is running great for a freshman," Vavra said. "She is going out and making herself known. People see her and know they're watching a competitor."

Hoyle said she was pleased, but saw room to improve.

"I feel pretty good about where I am, but I know I have to get better," she said. "I'm excited about outdoor season, but to compete, I'm going to have to improve. It's exciting though, because I know what to improve on, and how to do it."

Vavra said she was pleased with what her team had accomplished overall.

"I think we went out there a bunch of naive freshmen and came back much wiser and much more aware of what it's going to take to win this conference," she said. "For many of the girls, this was their first college conference meet, so they didn't really know what to expect. I think they have a much better idea now. They know that this conference gets tougher every year, so they will have to get tougher as well. And I really feel this group can do it." □

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Women's head coach

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Rhonda Cooper
Senior

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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



JASON OWEN/The Chart

Senior Jason Ramsey was selected as the MIAA Indoor Runner of the Year for his performance during the season. Ramsey scored 26 points at the Indoor Championships held at Central Missouri State.

Ramsey jumps fences, hurdles

Senior runner chooses track over 'delinquent' lifestyle

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you take a troubled youth and put him in a track uniform? Track runner Jason Ramsey.

"When I was younger I was what you might call a delinquent," Ramsey said. "I was always getting in trouble. My favorite thing was throwing rocks at cars."

"As you might guess, that didn't go over real well. People would get out and start yelling, and we'd have to run to get away."

"I was always the first one back, and that's when I started realizing I might have some ability to run."

"I also got real good at hurdling fences, so I guess that's where that came from. Then in the eighth grade my friends talked me into coming out for track, and here I am."

Ramsey, a senior criminal justice major, said he had the opportunity to run for an NCAA Division I

track team, but opted for the small college atmosphere.

"Out of high school, I visited several D-I schools," he said. "But they just didn't have what I was looking for. Then I came to Southern, and I saw the opportunity for more one-on-one coaching, and I liked that."

"At the bigger schools you don't even train with the guys you run with. Here, we're just more of a team."

Tom Rutledge, men's track coach, said he was thrilled to have Ramsey, who was chosen MIAA indoor runner of the year, on the team.

"It's great to have him," Rutledge said. "He can go out and be a multiple scorer for us every meet."

"And besides that, he's just fun to have around." Ramsey, who scored 26 points in the MIAA indoor championships, said his real love was the outdoor season.

"Indoor is all right, but my favorite event is the decathlon, and they only have that during outdoor," he said.

"The decathlon takes more than anything else. The winner can truly be considered the greatest athlete at his level." □



Sophomore Jenni Jlmerson checks her swing during Southern's doubleheader against Southwest Missouri State. The Lady Lions split the series, winning the first game 3-1 before losing game 2 6-3.

CATHERINE ROSS/The Chart

TRACK & FIELD

Southern sends three to nationals

By JASON OWEN
STAFF WRITER

For three Missouri Southern athletes, the road to the MIAA national indoor track championships is long and hard, but well worth the effort.

Paul Baker, Jon Wilkes, and Jason Ramsey have qualified for the national meet, which takes place this weekend in Indianapolis, Ind.

Tom Rutledge, men's track coach, praised the efforts of his top three athletes.

"I'm just real happy for them," Rutledge said. "They've all worked extremely hard to get here, and they

deserve the opportunity."

Baker, a senior, qualified in the 800-meter run.

"Paul really deserves to be there," Rutledge said. "He just made it by one one-hundredth of a second last year, and I really feel like he can make some waves this year."

Another of those Rutledge hopes will be making some waves is Wilkes, a sophomore miler.

"Jon really surprised me," he said. "He had such a long cross country season, and we really tried to pull him back so he could recover."

"We just didn't expect him to recover so quickly."

Rutledge also said Wilkes applied

what he learned at the conference meet to help him qualify for nationals.

"At the conference meet, Jon thought he could relax toward the end of the race—and when he did, he got passed," Rutledge said. "That hurt us at the time, but I really think it helped him in the long run."

Ramsey, a senior, will compete in the 55-meter hurdles this weekend. Rutledge predicted a strong showing for Ramsey only if he can fight off some injuries.

"Jason is still battling the Achilles he injured at conference," he said. "He will have to really dig down deep and ignore the pain if he hopes to come through in first." □

SOFTBALL

Southern splits opener

Freshman Pam
Brewer sparks
offense with 5 hits

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

After splitting a season-opening double-header, the Lady Lion softball squad is gearing up for a tough tournament this weekend at home.

"It was a good opener for us," said head coach Pat Lipira. "Southwest Missouri State is the only [NCAA] Division I team we schedule, and we won the first game 3-1. That was a really good defensive game for us."

Lipira said solid defense was the key to victory in the first game.

"The first game, I thought we had a shutout," she said. "They didn't score until the seventh inning. Another bright spot was Pam Brewer, our freshman shortstop."

Lipira said Brewer's speed helped jump-start the Lady Lion offense.

"She got on base five of the seven times she batted, which really helped us," Lipira said. "It sparked us to have some offense. We were able to get her on base. She has already stolen three bases this year, and has been able

to score some runs for us."

After finishing last season with a 23-3 record, Holly Trantham returned to the mound for the Lady Lions in game one.

Junior pitcher Jane Roberts, a transfer from Meramec Community College, made her Missouri Southern debut in the second game against the Lady Bears. Southern lost 6-3.

"In the first inning they got four runs off of her," Lipira said. "They really pounded the ball, but it was a good learning experience for her."

"She started keeping the ball down, and really ended the game on a much better note than what we started."

Lipira said she was satisfied with the split and was pleased with the overall performance of the team.

"I was encouraged by our defense," she said. "I was encouraged by what we were able to do offensively in times. We had some good offensive execution."

The Lady Lions' Wednesday afternoon match-up against South Dakota State University was canceled due to inclement weather.

Lipira said the Ott Food/Lady Lion Classic will hold tough competition and help prepare Southern for the beginning of conference play March 23. Kearney, Nebraska is already 12-2. Central Missouri, who won our conference last year, is in our tourna-

ment," Lipira said. "South Dakota State is here. They've already won the Central Oklahoma tournament. So this is going to be a tough tournament with a lot of conference schools and a lot of regional schools."

The head coach said she hopes the weather doesn't stop tournament play. She said her team will be practicing indoors beforehand.

"It's kind of hard to get ready for a tournament in the gym," Lipira said. "I know a lot of people will say 'Well all of those teams from up north have been inside,' but all of those teams have facilities inside that are the size of softball fields. We're anxious to play some ball games, and I feel pretty good about our home opener."

Lipira said the opening games gave the team some specific things to work on.

"We need to maintain our defense," she said. "It was strong and we need to maintain that. Holly [Trantham] wants to cut down on her walks, and Jane [Roberts] wants to work on keeping the ball down. Both of the pitchers definitely have some specific things they are focusing on."

"Offensively, everyone knows they have a certain role, whether it is to move a runner, hit a sacrifice fly, or steal a base. They know that it is real crucial to do what the team needs at that time." □

BASEBALL

Lions open home season with win

Joe Becker Stadium saw its first live action of the 1996 baseball season Wednesday as Missouri Southern downed Northwest Missouri State 5-3 in a non-conference game.

The Lions earned their first win of the season, scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

A doubleheader was originally planned, but cold weather caused one game to be canceled.

The Lions (1-5) gave up two runs in the top of the first inning, but answered with two

runs in their half of the inning.

Second basemen Zack Harpole scored on a single by senior Bryce Darnell and sophomore R.J. Forth scored on a fielder's choice by freshman outfielder Brian Kuhn.

The Bearcats took a 3-2 lead in the second. The score would remain 3-2 until a two-out Southern rally in the sixth. Sophomore Stephen Crane ripped a two-out double down the left field line and scored on a single by Forth.

Freshman Andrew Buchanan, running for Forth, stole second,

advanced to third on an error, and scored the eventual game-winning run on a single by senior Chris Gold. The Lions added another run before the rally was complete.

On Tuesday, Missouri Southern blew a 3-1 lead in the eighth inning against Oral Roberts University (14-5). Sophomore designated hitter Brad Ward had a bases-loaded, bases-clearing double for all of the Lions' scoring.

Southern's next action will be in the Larry Hickey Classic at Joe Becker Stadium March 9-16. □

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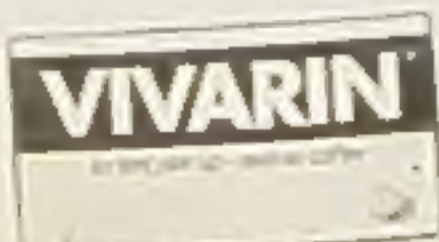
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Caught in the Web

NEW RESEARCH METHOD

Web yields quick results

Searchers appreciate instantaneous relay of information, facts

By STEPHANIE GOAD
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Imagine going to far-off places at the touch of a keyboard. The World Wide Web is catching like a fever spanning the globe, covering anything from libraries to supermarkets.

One can shop for groceries, perform research in libraries in other countries, and participate in online conversations without leaving home.

According to Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services at Missouri Southern, the Web is the most powerful tool on the Internet.

"The Web eclipses other tools such as Gopher and File Transfer Protocol (FTP) in everything," he said.

The Web, according to Earney, is easier to use because it is Windows-based.

"It is more user-friendly and is replacing functions of other tools," he said. "You can go anywhere in the world. It is just as easy to go to Australia as it is Springfield on the Web."

Earney said the Web contains unlimited options from a weather map of any region, to chat rooms under

numerous topics of interest.

"You can do research very quickly," he said. "By typing in anything you're interested in, you can get 100 to 1,000 hits from the Web."

The Web is carried over high-speed telephone lines and, depending on the bandwidth (the speed of the data line), information can be exchanged at a rapid rate.

"Missouri Southern increased the speed by six times," Earney said.

"We went from 56,000 bits per second to 384,000 bits per second a few weeks ago."

He said he expects the speed to increase again by next year.

"I predict that within one year we'll be using 1.5 million bits per second," Earney said.

Anyone can learn to use the Web, he said.

"The World Wide Web is easy to use," Earney said. "It is a graphically-oriented tool to do research or surf the Net."

The World Wide Web is offered free to Southern students using the system on campus and soon to local students from home.

"We will have dial-up lines so local students can get access from home by the end of the summer, free of charge," Earney said.

He said there are disadvantages as well as advantages to using the Web, but the good far outweigh the bad.

"It can be a time bandit," Earney said.

"People can get overly interested in it like anything else, but if used for the right purposes it can be a good educational tool."

Dr. Jack Oakes, head of the computer science department, said one advantage of using the Net is that the user may retrieve a vast amount of information at a rapid rate.

"You can get such a large amount of information which is rapidly accessible," he said. "In some of my classes students use the Net for research by down loading instead of copying pages from a book."

Oakes said the down side of the Net is that information which may be retrieved may be of questionable quality.

"If you get into an edited journal you can have confidence that it has been edited by a professional, but if you download off of the Net you don't know what the quality will be," Oakes said.

There are both good and bad aspects of using the Web, but it continues to cover the globe at an increasing rate.

"One concern is how safe or private the communication is," Oakes said.

"That could possibly limit the growth of the Web until they get that straightened out." □



TECHNOLOGY

New class to utilize Internet

By STEPHANIE GOAD
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Donning of new technology has made it possible for Missouri Southern to offer a computer course over the Internet next fall.

Dennis Herr, assistant professor of computer science, will be utilizing the Internet for instructing a micro-computer applications class online.

Basically, it's a new technology offered at Southern," he said. "We are trying to use new technology to increase the interaction methods between faculty and students."

Herr is designing the program's assignments so students will be able to retrieve them and transfer files back via the Internet for grading.

"We are trying to make this a virtual campus where they can do school work elsewhere," he said.

Herr said students interested in the course will still have to enroll just as they would for any other class.

"Our target is students who are comfortable working on the Internet," he said. "It's not a hard thing to learn."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said a committee consisting of members from each department came up with the new electronic correspondence course.

"I believe the interest will be very high; we're hoping 30 to 35 people will enroll for it," Spurlin said. □

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ONLINE

Net provides fun, convenience

Appeal, use has skyrocketed; users enjoy tools, chat lines

By RONNA SPARKS
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With the dawn of the information age, the Internet gives individuals the opportunity for world-wide communication at a keystroke. Internet users have access to thousands of home pages that offer information on topics ranging from chat lines to business advertisements, which is a characteristic Dave Hunter, senior computer science major, said makes the Internet so appealing.

"There's just so many options available," he said. "It's hard to comprehend the information available to anyone who has the initiative to use it."

The Internet's appeal has skyrocketed, allowing an increasing number of individuals access to its technology.

The attraction extends to thousands of computers spanning several continents.

Brian Gripka, junior marketing major, said the universal communication is his link to the Internet.

"It's the power of communication," he said. "You have access to data all over the world, anytime. You can get this data right in your home without having to go anywhere."

The increasing appeal of the Internet leads to more individuals finding themselves in front of their personal computers more than ever. Gripka said he spends almost 18 hours per week exploring the Net.

"It's fun meeting people from all over the world on the chat lines," he said. "I've talked to people from London, Hawaii, all across the globe."

Although the Internet does act as a source of entertainment, it also provides a service to people doing

research, planning vacations, or almost anything involved with daily life, which keeps many people coming back for more hours at a time.

Jason Talley, junior biology major and manager of the local Woodtech office (an Internet provider), said the opportunities are endless.

"There's a plethora of information on the Internet that's available for the picking," he said. "It gives everyone the ability to shop or go anywhere in the world with a touch of the key."

Hunter said he spends an average of 10 hours per week on-line, which has helped him prepare for his trip to Oxford University with Missouri Southern's Oxford exchange program.

"I've talked to people in London about what their customs are and etiquette as far as what to do and what not to do," he said. "I feel as if I'm better prepared because of the information I've had access to."

With all of the information and choices Internet users have, many individuals spend a lot of time on-line, which Talley said he could understand.

"If I actually had the time to sit down and play on it, I would become very addicted," he said.

Although many people believe computers are difficult to use, Hunter said the Internet isn't overly complicated.

"It's very easy to learn about the Internet software if you have the right tools," he said. "It's a matter of how interested you are and how much

you know about it."

At the moment, it seems most Internet users rely on their computers for information they receive from going on-line, but Che' Butterfield, senior communications major, doesn't see it as a requirement.

"It's not a necessity, it's more of a tool," he said. "Just as the way television communicates by making culture more immediate to people, the Internet also makes the information readily available." □

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